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ONE-QUARTER OF ALBANIA FALLS INTO HANDS OF GREEK FORCES

"Tirana" Becomes Their "Tipperary" War Song

By **RICHARD MACMILLAN**
"United Press" Staff Correspondent

WITH THE GREEK ARMY IN THE FIELD, VIA ATHENS, DEC. 8 (UP).—THE GREEKS HAVE CAPTURED ALMOST A QUARTER OF ALBANIA, CONTINUING THEIR ADVANCE ALONG THE MILE-HIGH BATTLEFRONT, EXTENDING MORE THAN 120 MILES, THEY HAVE PENETRATED A MAXIMUM DISTANCE OF 50 MILES ALONG THE MOKRA RANGE ABOVE LAKE OCHRID. THE AREA SEIZED FROM THE ITALIANS IS APPROXIMATELY 4,000 SQUARE MILES OUT OF A TOTAL AREA OF ALBANIA OF APPROXIMATELY 17,500 SQUARE MILES.

Fall Of Argyro-Castron

House-to-house Fighting
By **PAUL PAELOGOGOS**
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE GREEK ADVANCE FORCES, ARGYRO-CASTRON, DEC. 8, (UP).—The battle for Argyro-Castron ended just after noon to-day when the last Italian stronghold was stormed by the Greeks.

The Italians, who are mostly from the Second Bersaglieri division, used heavy tanks to blockade the narrow streets and fell back on the last stronghold in the centre of town. The Greeks fought their way from house to house, attacking the tanks like mad men, pushing rifle butts into the tank runners, while others dropped from the balconies of houses, forcing hand grenades through the gunners' look-out slits.

Final Storming.
Anti-tank units took an important part in shelling the Italians from barricaded buildings. The final storming, which began at dawn, worked with the precision of a slide movement. The Greek batteries in the surrounding hills flashed viciously in the half darkness and shells dropped around the solid looking mosque in the outskirts of town where the Italians were holding the main road. The Greek gunners were uneasy as they dropped five shells dead on target. The domed roof collapsed like a cracked eggshell.

I could plainly see the Italians running for cover, outlined by the glow of the burning storerooms. Greek machine-gunners who had worked down to the outskirts under cover of darkness then caught them.

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As I marched with the Greek troops to the battle positions on the heights around Pogradetz on the extreme northeastern flank, I heard a Greek Tommy singing "Tipperary," but an entirely new brand of the old marching song. It was sung in Greek and instead of Tipperary, the town was Tirana. I spoke to the songster, who told me he had served in the British forces in the last war, to prove which he began warbling "Tipperary" in English.

Carry No Gas Masks
Comparing the conquerors of the Fascist regions with the British Tommy, I found that Greeks, in addition to their rifles, carry hay for their mules as well as blankets to wrap around the face against the cold, but no gas masks. The Greek considers himself lucky if he has one fairly good meal per day, usually of black bread, rice-cooked-in-oil-and-goats-breed. What chocolate and jam are to the British Tommy, olives are to the Greeks. Beer, wine and cigarettes are extremely rare.

Between Koriza and the front line, within the sound of the guns, I occasionally see old Albanian women, usually dressed in much patched country dresses. Most of the young women fled when their husbands threw down their arms and deserted from the Italians, and are now hiding in the mountain fastnesses until the war rolls on.

Cities in the villages near the line usually possess a radio, and it is curious to see Greek soldiers tune in B.B.C. Greek broadcast by the hundreds rather than listen to the news of their own battles as relayed from London. The Greeks are enthusiastic about everything.

CHARGES PROVE TO BE FALSE

American Woman Freed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HONOLULU, Dec. 8 (UP).—Miss Asama Maru which arrived here to-day said that they understood Miss Edna Lawrence, the American woman who was arrested by Japanese authorities at Yokohama recently, is now at Kobe awaiting a chance to depart.

They said that Miss Lawrence was arrested on charges of Communism, but that the allegations were subsequently proved false.

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Brilliant Siege Is Described

How Italians Fought Rearguard Action
By **JAN YINDRICH**
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE GREEK BATTLE COMMAND IN ALBANIA, DEC. 8 (UP).—From this eagle's nest of a village built like a fortress perched on a high mountainside the Greek divisional command directed the brilliant siege of Argyro-Castron.

Far below the main road winds to Argyro-Castron through a valley flanked with snow-capped mountains, some of the peaks being hidden in swirling clouds.

The village is built with flat slate-like slabs of the same stone as the mountain, and must be invisible to the high flying Italian bombers.

Directed Fight From Balcony
Officers sheltering under a balcony watched through glasses the tiny figures on the opposite mountain ridge and directed the battle going on in the Argyro-Castron valley below.

Inside the large house burned log fires and over bright coloured rugs there was a tangle of field telephone wires while from inner rooms a radio transmitter sputtered the latest news of the fighting, or transmitted fresh orders from the High Command somewhere behind us.

To file this despatch I was forced to wait six hours while Greek engineers threw a wooden bridge over the swollen river to replace a magnificent stone bridge which the Italians blew up in their retreat.

The roads are filled with horse and mule trains ankle deep in mud. We were forced to pull off the road more than once as captured Italians in lorries, repainted with Greek registration numbers, rumbled past rushing supplies to keep up with the relentless Greek advance.

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BRITAIN'S A. A. "BRAIN TRUST"

A scene in a Control Centre of the Observer Corps, that vital "Brain Trust" of Britain's anti-aircraft defences, which have proved so worthy against the air might of Nazi Germany. Seated around the table are the "plotters", who receive information of the movement of enemy aircraft from the observation posts, and move the symbols on the table in accordance with the messages. The men with the rakes are the Supervisors who clarify the situations as they arise, and on the dials above are the "Tellers", who pass information forward to the Higher Commands of the R.A.F. A "Recorder" seated high in the corner maintains an accurate record of every track.



Haiphong Incidents Cause High Tension

Special to the "Telegraph"

HANOI, Dec. 8 (UP).—Tension reigned in Haiphong on Saturday when Japanese soldiers took into custody a group of French soldiers, who went to the assistance of a French woman engaged in an argument with Japanese troops. The Japanese alleged that the woman had insulted the Emperor of Japan.

The Japanese forced the French soldiers to march to the Headquarters of the French Naval Liaison Officer, from whom they demanded an immediate apology.

The incident was settled later when Governor Decoux and Major General Sumita intervened.

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Japanese Land Guns

A reliable eyewitness here reported that on Saturday afternoon the French Customs at Haiphong made an effort to prevent the illegal landing of Japanese artillery, for which there is no provision under the existing agreements.

The Japanese confronted the French with Mauser pistols and offered to unload their artillery.

Reports from the Thai frontier state that another clash between French and Thai troops occurred along the Mekong River in Northern Laos yesterday when the French returned the Thai land fire.

A public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Thursday, December 12, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

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Luftwaffe Lull Is Broken By Violent Raids

By **HOMER JENKS**
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 8 (UP).—Wave after wave of German raiders swept up the Thames Estuary on London to-night showering leads of high explosives on the Capital, shattering the longest period of quiet since the air blitzkrieg began on August 7. A very heavy anti-aircraft barrage was thrown up.

Early reports indicated the bombing was widespread and very heavy.

The inferno was in sharp contrast to the peaceful quiet of the preceding 48 hours—until the night attack, not a single bomb had fallen on all Britain since the relatively light attack last Friday. Since then, until shortly after dark to-night, only one raider was seen heading for Britain and it was shot down over the English Channel.

The first wave of attackers dropped a cluster of high explosives on one district, which dug a huge crater in an important thoroughfare and straddled a park. The second wave ran the gauntlet of heavy fire and dropped seven high explosives. There was some damage, but no casualties.

This Morning's Raids

LONDON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The German air raids continued early this morning when hundreds of incendiary and high explosive bombs were showered over the entire London area.

The raid was as fierce as any since the first intensive bombings in September, and it appeared as though the Luftwaffe, after concentrating on the provinces for the past fortnight, are again aiming at London for the brunt of their attack.

The attack was extended over a wide area and many districts have reported the heaviest pounding since the war began. Sometimes the thud of heavy bombs and the crackle of incendiary bombs mingled in an almost continuous roar with the rumble of the ground defences. Planes were heard flying fairly low and crisscrossing the capital.

Fight Embryo Fires

"Molotov breadbaskets" were especially numerous, and the police and A.R.P. wardens, as well as civilians, were kept busy dousing embryo fires. One started on the roof of a hotel where it burned for a short while before a porter, aided by a soldier, extinguished it. Other blazes started in garages where they were easily smothered.

A number of buildings scattered through several districts were damaged.

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Greeks Demand Capture Of Tirana & Rome

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SALONIKA, Dec. 8 (UP).—Huge crowds celebrated the fall of Argyro-Castron with wild enthusiasm here to-day.

Parading the street with flags, they demanded the capture of "Tirana and Rome".

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Unhappy Evacuates' Complaint To Paper

The following letter signed by nine Hongkong evacuees now resident in Melbourne appeared in a recent issue of the Melbourne "Argus."

Sir,—"The Argus" of November 4 carried a report, headed "Hong Kong Families Happy to Stay Here." On behalf of a large number of evacuees, may I say that these isolated cases cannot be taken as the view of the majority. Most of us are anything but happy or content. In England, where the dangers are so real, no pressure has been brought to bear on women—each has the right to decide for herself. We, in China, where the danger was comparatively nil, were given no choice—simply ordered to leave. We resent this. Many of us have had very bad con-

ditions to contend with. There will be no contented wives until this mud-die is cleared up, and something definite about our return announced. The wives who now express satisfaction with the conditions are mostly those who complained unceasingly en route—Yours, etc.

SKILL FLEMING.

GLADYS CLARKE.

BLANCH BISHOP.

VERA SCOT.

WINIFRED GARY.

KATHLEEN BATES.

DOROTHY STEPHENS.

JOAN BARNES.

RUTH MARLEN.

The Hellenic Trader Still Held At Hoihow

A wire was received to-day from the master of the Panama vessel Hellenic Trader in Hoihow stating that she is still being detained by the Japanese, the agent for the vessel Mr. Dwight Hill said to-day.

The vessel, which went aground in Hainan Straits was refused clearance on Friday. Owned by American interests and valued at £250,000, the freighter is leaking and should have proceeded to Hongkong for dry-docking and repairs. The agent said that by working the pumps the vessel is holding satisfactorily at present, but the damaged plates might weld at any time.

Early in November the ship was held 10 days by the Japanese at Tientsin on the same pretext of investigating her nationality.

NAZI SHIP SINKING

Torpedoed By Cruiser

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HAVANA, Dec. 8 (UP).—The Headquarters of the Cuban Navy to-day announced that Government radio operators have picked up an S.O.S. signal from the German freighter Idarwald, which reported that she was sinking off the south coast of Cuba, after having been torpedoed by a British cruiser.

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Small Pox Case On Hongkong Ship

Passengers who arrived at Hongkong on Saturday on board a Jardine's steamer from Shanghai had to remain in quarantine until this morning owing to a case of small pox being discovered.

The Port Health Officer said that the case—a 25-year-old male Chinese—was a mild one. There were about 40 saloon passengers and 400 Chinese deck passengers on board the steamer.

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BERLIN TRIAL—Herschel Grynszpan, Jewish youth who shot Ernst vom Rath, German embassy councillor, in Paris on Nov. 8, 1938, will be tried in Berlin on the charge of murdering the diplomat. Grynszpan was handed over to the German authorities on the demand of the Nazis, after the fall of France. He was 17 when he shot the diplomat.

MORE CZECHS TO JOIN BRITISH

Thirty-seven expert Czech Army airmen, all with more than ten years' experience, have passed through Bombay on their way to England to join the R.A.F. At the outbreak of war the men escaped to Poland. After Poland fell, they made an exceedingly difficult overland journey to India.

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ROOMS PROFITEERING AT OXFORD

The emergency committee at Oxford, which is going into the question of profiteering at the expense of London people who have gone there in their thousands during the past few weeks, is so concerned at the state of affairs that it is making representations to the Government for the promotion of legislation to deal with the evil.

The Chief Constable said that in one instance a rent of £4 a week had been asked for the use of two rooms. Some cases were outside the law, and it was hoped to be able to deal with these.

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R.A.F. Gives Out Secrets To Nail Lies

For the first time, the Air Ministry recently gave details of where Nazi planes were shot down, the marks they bore, and the names of their crews.

Giving these details to prove that the Germans are liars about their air losses, the Air Ministry says: "It would be appreciated that information of this nature may be of great value to the enemy, and cannot be published as a general rule."

"The German High Command communiqué almost always contains an untrue statement of German air losses. Wednesday's High Command communiqué, for example, only admitted that three of their aircraft did not return from Tuesday's operations. In fact, as already announced, eight German aircraft were destroyed."

"Of these, two were Heinkel 60 float planes, which were shot down in the sea without survivors."

And Six More

Details of the remaining six aircraft and marks: Place, crew, and names are:—

Heinkel (burnt out): Stansted Park, Stoughton, near Chichester. Crew: All killed (one only identifiable). Name: Feldwebel Ernst Ens.

Ju 88 (black eagle in a red circle): Bromborough Docks, Wirral. Crew: One dead, two injured, one uninjured. Names: Leutnant Hubert Schlegel, Unteroffizier Helmut Weth, Sonderführer Horst Lehmann, Oberleutnant Helmut Bruckmann.

Ju 88 (blown up): Toxtrees Farm, Copthorne, Worth, Sussex. Crew: Four dead. Names: One disc No. 65,110 found.

Dornier (in sea), five miles south-east Fraserburgh. Crew: Three injured. Names: Oberleutnant Egon von Eickstedt, Oberfeldwebel Hubert Freund, Hauptmann Konrad Hardt.

Me 109, figure 2 (in black), red cat with arched back in circle. At Hazebrouck, five and a half miles east of Chelmsford. Crew: One wounded. Name: Feldwebel Paul Boche.

Me 109 (wrecked), East Cliff Pavilion, Folkestone. Crew: One uninjured. Name: Oberleutnant Werner Voigt.

GREEKS GET SUGAR FROM AMERICA

Greece is reported to be importing refined sugar from the United States. United States exports of the commodity in September amounted to 5,310 tons, of which 3,000 tons were shipped to Greece.

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AXIS FLAGS—At this anti-British rally in Tokyo, Japan, sponsored by members of Tokyo Municipal Assembly, flags of Germany, Italy, and Italy, right, flank Japanese flag of Rising Sun. Speakers attacked Britain.

American Opinion On The Blitzkrieg Nazi Dictator Said To Be Desperate

"To save himself Hitler must shoot the whole works," is the comment on the Blitzkrieg by the American newspaper "Boston Traveller."

"Hitler's desperation," it declares, "his abandonment of all moral values, indicates that his own situation is extremely perilous."

FREE DUTCHMEN ARE MAKING BIG SACRIFICES

A Dutch National Institute is to be set up in London for the purpose of making known the point of view of Free Dutchmen, not only in Europe, but in the Far East and in the Americas.

The institute will operate in the same manner as the Institute of International Affairs in London, or the British Council.

Professor Gerbrandy, the new Dutch Premier, said that there were great demonstrations of national feeling in Holland on Queen Wilhelmina's 60th birthday recently.

In future the Queen's birthday will be celebrated as Holland's national day throughout the world.

Professor Gerbrandy laid stress on the great sacrifices that were now being made by Free Dutchmen.

All the wealth of Holland lying outside German rule had been taken over by the free Dutch Government, and all Dutchmen of fighting age were liable to be conscripted.

The conscription of wealth applied to Dutch companies in neutral countries as well as those in Britain.

Gift From Children

He expressed great pleasure at the recent gift of £9,000 by school-children in Pretoria. The gift was sent spontaneously by the children to the Queen of Holland, and they asked her to use it for the cause of the Free Netherlands.

Thousands of Dutchmen are giving their services to free Holland although their families are at the mercy of the Germans.

SOVIETS SPEED OUTPUT OF NICKEL MINES

HELSINKI, Nov. 29 (UP).—While the fate of Finland's nickel mines is still under discussion, Soviet Russia is speeding exploitation of her own vast nickel deposits a hundred miles from the Finnish border.

These deposits, discovered only eight years ago, are worked by tens of thousands, mining and refining the nickel of Russian Karelia.

Early in October, a large, new electrolytic plant was opened at Montchegorsk, the "Nickel Town," near Korowok, on the Kola Peninsula.

Production of nickel, already large, has since increased considerably.

Montchegorsk now has 25,000 inhabitants, all workers. Five years ago the town did not exist, but was one of the many pleasant sites at the Lake Pysylschimjavr in the centre of Russian Lapland, visited only by wandering Lapps with the herds of reindeer and by fishermen and trappers.

Now Modern Town

In May, 1932, Russian geologists discovered rich deposits of nickel and copper in this area, and three years later General Schdanov, then Governor of this region, laid the foundation of the industrial centre.

Montchegorsk is now a modern town with electric light, public water supply, several hospitals and a wireless station. A special branch line connects the town with the Murmansk Railway.

Soviet Russia hopes to make Montchegorsk the greatest nickel centre in the world.

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12.43 Strauss' Waltzes. Citronen Waltz, Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler, Aquarellen Waltz, Annen Polka, Irene Elsing (Soprano) with Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Compositions of Gerahwin. Summer Time (from "Porgy and Bess"), Anne Jamison (Soprano) with Orchestra, Rhapsody in Blue, Boston Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler with J. M. Sanroma at the Piano, "Porgy & Bess", Bess, You Is My Woman Now, Laurence Tibbitt (Baritone) and Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orch., Lullaby, Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Chorus & Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcement.

1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Selections from Light Gems "The Student Prince"—Vocal Gems (Romberg), Light Opera Company with Orchestra, "The Student Prince" Selection (Romberg), Savoy Orpheans, "The Lilac Domino"—Waltz Song, June Knight (Soprano) with Orchestra and Male Quartet, "The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (Fraser-Simon), The London Philharmonic Orchestra, "Iolanthe"—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan), Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

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8.45 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 Selections from Well Known Ballets.

Les Sylphides—Ballet Music (Chopin), London Philharmonic Orchestra, "The Student Prince"—Vocal Gems (Romberg), Savoy Orpheans, "The Lilac Domino"—Waltz Song, June Knight (Soprano) with Orchestra and Male Quartet, "The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (Fraser-Simon), The London Philharmonic Orchestra, "Iolanthe"—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan), Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

10.0 Dance Music.

11.00 Close Down.

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 22nd November).....Dec. 14.

Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 27th November).....Dec. 10.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 18th November).....Dec. 10.

London and Straits.....Dec. 10.

Canton.....Dec. 17.

Calcutta and Straits.....Dec. 18.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 11th December.....Dec. 18.

Sandakan.....Dec. 21.

Australia and Manila.....Dec. 24.

U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd Dec.).....Dec. 28.

Calcutta and Straits.....Dec. 31.

London and Straits.....Dec. 31.

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Monday, Dec. 9

Formosa, Shanghai and Dairen. 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Laurence Marques, East and South Africa via Durban.....3.30 p.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".....K. P. O.

Reg.....Dec. 10, 5.00 p.m.

Ord.....Dec. 10, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg.....Dec. 10, 5.00 p.m.

Ord.....Dec. 10, 5.00 p.m.

Straits.....7.00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Canton.....7.15 a.m.

Sandakan.....8.30 a.m.

Haiphong.....10.30 a.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".....G. P. O. and K. P. O.

Reg.....Dec. 12, 10.00 a.m.

Ord.....Dec. 12, 10.30 a.m.

Parcels.....10.30 a.m.

Letters.....11.30 a.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".....K. P. O.

Reg.....Dec. 12, 5.00 p.m.

Ord.....Dec. 12, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg.....Dec. 12, 5.00 p.m.

Ord.....Dec. 12, 5.00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.....3.30 p.m.

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".....K. P. O.

Reg.....Dec. 13, 4 p.m.

Ord.....Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg.....Dec. 13, 4 p.m.

Ord.....Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, and United Kingdom. G. P. O. & K. P. O.

Parcels.....Dec. 14, 4.00 p.m.

Reg.....Dec. 14, 5.00 p.m.

Ord.....Dec. 14, 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".....K. P. O.

Reg.....Dec. 17, 2 p.m.

Ord.....Dec. 17, 2.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

December 2

November's Weather. During the first week in November, the weather was warm and unsettled, with frequent rain or drizzle, says the Director of the Royal Observatory in his monthly report.

From the 8th to the 21st it was cool and mainly sunny. From the 22nd to the 28th temperatures were much above normal, and there was much cloud and drizzle. The development of an intense anticyclone over China resulted in a marked fall in temperature on the 29th, and the last day of the month was fine and cold.

The total rainfall was 3.61 inches, exceeding the normal by 2.02 inches. The total rainfall for the year is now only 2.12 inches short of the highest annual total on record.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 46 m.p.h. at 7.47 a.m. on the 22nd.

A total of 3.07 inches of rain was recorded by the Botanical Gardens during November. Rain fell on eight days, the heaviest being on November 1, when 1.31 inches were registered.

New Consul Welcomed. A cocktail party in honour of the new Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Seki Yano, given by the retiring Consul-General Mr. K. Okazaki and his wife, was held at the Hongkong Hotel today.

Mr. Yano, who recently arrived from Japan, was recently First Secretary at the Japanese Embassy in Nanking under General Abe. He was also with the China Affairs Board in Tokyo and during his Foreign Office service was in Canton from 1929 to 1933.

Mr. Okazaki has been appointed Consul-General at Calcutta.

Among those present were Major-General A. E. Grasett and his Aide-de-Camp, Capt. R. E. T. St. John, Hon. Mr. R. A. North, Capt. A. G. Collinson, R.N., Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Sir Vandevelde and Lady Grayburn, Hon. Mr. C. G. F. de la W. Walker, Cmdr. J. Petrie, Wing-Cmdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Mr. A. E. Southard, (American Consul-General), M. Louis Reynaud (French Consul-General), Mr. P. de V. Soares (Portuguese Consul), Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie and Mr. P. P. Franklin.

Restrictions On Ships. An indication that neutral ships will be denied water, coal and stores at British ports unless certain guarantees are made by the owners, is given by the holding up of the Panama freighter Herkelt at Singapore, where it is owned by the Herkelt, which is owned by Wallem & Co., has been delayed at Singapore for about a week. Negotiations are proceeding.

Although the position has not yet been clarified, it appears that a war-rant system has been introduced by the Ministry of Shipping. Owners of neutral ships will be required not to trade with the enemy and will also have to undertake to charter a certain proportion of their fleet to the British Government if and when called upon to do so.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

"Whoops! Narrow Miss" reads a headline. Streamlined?

If you cannot make light of your troubles keep them dark.

Suggested slogan for B. W. O. F. Knitters: Better not knit knots.

Another Scoop: The Telegraph has had its name-plate plucked.

There are millions of people who still think the Dardanelles is a song.

"Promotion for Suddu." Lucky for him his Christian name isn't Uthah.

On St. Andrew's Day wouldn't it have been more appropriate to have placed the wreath early next morning?

A lady whose garden is not far from the Peak tramway, was overheard to remark that she did wish the tram could be pulled by horses.

The mean temperature for the month was 70.8 deg. F, which is 1.3 deg. above normal. A maximum of 84.0 deg. was recorded on the 6th, and a minimum of 55.0 deg. on the 30th. The mean relative humidity was 72 per cent, against a normal of 69 per cent.

Sunshine amounted to 156 hours, which is 31 hours less than normal.

Tuesday

December 3

Night Self-Services. The question of improvements to the night self-collecting service was again brought up by Mr. B. Wong Tappe at the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council today.

He suggested that the present position was in violation of the fact that some considerable time had elapsed since certain recommendations were submitted to Government. The matter, he said, was urgent and it was essential that a new and improved system be introduced within the next few months, well in advance of next year's Christmas season.

The Chairman (the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carr) replied that he had made inquiries on the subject and had been informed that it was still under consideration by Government. He was well aware, he added, that the Finance Department should be included in the Estimates, and therefore the Council need not be over-anxious that the matter would not be fully considered by Government in the very near future.

Regarding correspondence relative to food shop licences for fruit and vegetables laid on the table, Mr. Carr said: "Members may recollect that when the auction of fruit and vegetables stalls in the new Central Market was held it was an open auction, namely, that no preference was given to those who previously had stalls in the old market. During the construction, several of the stallholders were given food shop licences to continue to sell fruit and vegetables outside the market. Some of these licences were marked as temporary only while others were not so marked. No steps were taken to cancel these licences and quite a number of them have continued to this day, but under the impression that some of them were to be temporary, the Health Officers have also issued licences for premises not quite suitable.

Non-Renewal Proposed. It is proposed that these licences should not be renewed after April 1, 1942, which is ample notice, and I don't think it will inflict any hardship. There are ten vacant stalls for fruit in the market and therefore there will be ample opportunities for people to go and get them. This proposal has been considered by the Council and unanimously approved.

Former Resident Dies. The death occurred on August 29 of Mr. Charles Herbert Philpott (Chippy) Hay, aged 60, at Point House, Wanchai. He is survived by his wife and son.

Mr. Hay first came to the Far East about 1901 in the service of the Union Insurance Society of Canton and was transferred to Hongkong being transferred to Shanghai about 1903. In 1908 he was sent to Yokohama and later returned to Shanghai for a year or two.

He then came to Hongkong, and, except for a short period at Singapore, was stationed here until his retirement in 1930. During the war he was acting General Manager of the Society. He was a well-known figure in the community and his amateur theatrical efforts also excelled in character parts.

Review Of The Principal Topics

December 1 To Dec. 7

Wednesday

December 4

Cost of Living figures. One of the contributing factors to malnutrition in the Colony is undoubtedly the high cost of living, prevailing ever since the commencement of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, and which continues to increase. From July to December, 1938, the official statistical figure of the cost of food and fuel per head per week was \$1.35, and in the first six months of 1940 it rose to \$1.77. In July last it jumped to \$2.02, and as recently as last month there was another increase, the figure then being \$2.21.

Even taking the very low "wholesale" figure of \$1.05 per adult per week for inmates of the Government refugee camps, in a family of father, mother and three to four children, equivalent to a total of five adults in all, the expenditure on food and fuel alone would amount to \$5.25 a week.

From this it can be seen that unless something is done immediately for the large majority of the population who are on daily wage rates and casual labourers, such as by improving wage conditions or by subsidising food staples such as rice and controlling the price of firewood, the nutritional problem in Hongkong is likely to become worse as the winter progresses.

As it is, there has already been an exceptionally heavy toll this year from Tuberculosis, a disease influenced very considerably by the nutritional state of the victim, and from Beri-beri and Pellagra, which are frank deficiency diseases.

Mystery Skeletons. The mystery of the 14 human skeletons discovered on a deserted beach outside Lyemun Pass last week was solved to-day when it was learned that the skeletons were the remains of people buried on the beach following the devastating typhoon in September, 1937.

The typhoon resulted in a junk with about 30 people aboard sinking in the vicinity of the beach. There was only one survivor. Dead bodies were washed up on the beach and buried there.

H.K. to Build 11 Ships. Eleven ships, totalling over 100,000 tons, have been ordered for construction in Hongkong, and five keels have already been laid down.

The work is being shared by the Talkos Dockyard and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

Each vessel is of 9,200 tons dead-weight, and it is expected that they will be used as cargo ships.

Former Resident's Death. West Hongkong detectives at Shanghai were confronted with a mystery following the discovery of a male foreigner in Lane 59 off North Kiangse Road at 8.30 a.m. The man was taken to the General Hospital in an emergency ambulance, but was dead. He was identified later as Mr. McPartland, resident for some months at the Naval YM.C.A.

Mr. McPartland was well known in Hongkong, where a few years ago he had charge of a bar in Wanchai. He was also known in the outposts.

Artillery. Skipworth, Salisbury, Mulligan, Giblin, Keebles, Richards, Wedderburn, Heath, Delderfeld, McDermott, Whitehead, Bompas, Page, Smith, Edlison.

Navy. Morahan; McGill, Smith, Bowden; O'Riordan, Rees, Longmuir, Watson, Palmer; Beattie, Taylor; Brown, King, Murray-Jones.

Small Units League. In the Small Units League, 5th A.A. defeated Medical Corps two goals and two tries (10) to nil. It was an interesting open game in which the winners scored five of the ball and tossed it about attractively.

Medical Corps. Morgan; McDonald, Coombes, Pratt, Whybro; Barclay, Serivens; Wiggatesworth; Chandler; Milne; Mulligan, Collins, Mahon, Farnill.

Middlesex B. gave a good exhibition to beat combined R.A.S.C. and R.A.O.C. four tries (12) to nil.

Getting plenty of the ball, Middlesex backs combined in good passing rushes. Weedon, who played a good game for centre, scored a pretty try between posts after receiving a well placed pass from Mann. Tries were also scored by Klimecke, Giblin and Thomson.

Thursday

December 5

Rice Prices Fixed. In a Government Gazette, Extraordinary, published to-day, the following maximum prices of rice fixed by the Food Controller, are announced.

Grade No. 1, 15 cents per catty; Grade No. 2, 15 cents per catty, 71 cents for 5 catties; Grade No. 3, 14 cents per catty, 68 cents for 5 catties; Grade No. 4, 13 cents per catty and 68 cents for 5 catties.

An official communique issued by the Colonial Secretariat to-day states that "it is hoped that these measures for the limitation of retail prices of rice are purely temporary, in view of the at-tempted raising of the wholesale price to an unworkable level by suppliers abroad."

With a view to conservation of adequate stocks here, the export of rice from the Colony is being prohibited meanwhile.

Interviewed regarding the rates fixed by Government for the sale of rice, Mr. S. Kennedy-Skipston, Food Controller, said that the price of first grade rice was \$14.20 per picul on December 2, while the price fixed to-day by Government was \$15 per picul. This figure, however, is below the price ruling during the last three days.

Chinese press reports stating that example were remembered it with love over 60,000 bags of rice are expected to arrive in the Colony from Bangkok soon.

They were confirmed by Nam Pak Hong rice firms. They stated that the price of rice had already gone down slightly before the Government order came into force. This is expected to arrive during the week, and prices may, they stated, drop further with the arrival of additional supplies.

Rev. W. H. Baines Safe. The December issue of St. John's Cathedral Review states that a cable has been received from the Rev. W. H. Baines: "Church destroyed some casualties stop self household unhurt."

It would seem that this was a cable sent independently. Communication may be so difficult that the cable sent from Hongkong may have taken longer to reach him than was expected, states to an unworkable level by suppliers abroad.

It will be recalled that when news of the bombing and destruction of Coventry Cathedral reached the Colony, the following telegram in the name of the Dean and the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, (both formerly of Coventry) was sent to Mr. Baines, who is now in the Ministry of Government and was formerly well known in Hongkong:

"Loving greetings please accept and assure Bishop Provost citizens Coventry our great sympathy and fellowship in their suffering encouraged by their example we remember it with love."

St. John's Fellowship will arrive in the Colony from Bangkok soon.

'Erbert's Weekly Billy Do To The 'Ongkong Gals In The Antipathies

dear evacuees
aint got much ter rite abart this week eckseep abart the prise of rise rising so me and ole alf as desided ter ave tappoyoker pudden for sundys dinner insted of rise pudden corlovaduck tappoyoker is very nurishin it dont arf stick ter ye fibs i sat on a tappoyoker pudden wunst but it didnt stick ter me ribs that time

torkin abart sittin the uver nite i went to a entail party up the peck and a evacuant was sittin on mi rite corblime it was pritty orkwerd tryin ter lito a fag wiv wun and so i sez i beg yer pudden but dyer know wot yore sittin on and the evacuant gits orl orty like and sez i orter know ive bin sittin on it fer yeers!

cor chase mi littel ole arnt fanny rarned the sanbags
cres lookin at yer gals—ilo be seen yer barrels of luv from, erbert iggs.

Friday

December 6

Colony's War Contributions to Buy Canteens. Money which the Hongkong Government has subscribed towards Britain's war effort is to be diverted for the purchase of small mobile canteens for serving hot drinks and food to the people of London and other centres who have been bombed out of their homes by Nazi raiders it was revealed today.

The decision was made in response to a suggestion by the Secretary of State for the Colonies which read as follows:

I am encouraged by the generosity shown by Colonial Governments to suggest for your consideration a further method of helping the war effort which I hope will appeal to you particularly because of the intimate link it will create between the Colonies and the public here. Briefly, the proposal is that Colonial Governments should divert a proportion of the funds either already subscribed or which they are proposing to contribute towards the purchase of small mobile canteens for serving hot drinks and food to the people in London and other centres who have been bombed out of their homes or who during the coming winter will have to spend long anxious nights in shelter away from the homes of the Colonial Empire and its dependencies. The Ministry of Food are keen to co-operate and each Mayor expressing deep appreciation of the citizens of Coventry and asking the citizens of the Colony for some suitable local voyed to the people of the Colony name if preferred. All possible pub-

licity will be given—and I know the form of help more than almost any other will serve to keep the name of the Colonies before the public and to mind them vividly of the interest taken and the generous help given by the Colonies in time of trial.

The type of canteen to be used is at present under discussion. No details of cost are available but might range from approximately £25 to £100 dependent on the type finally chosen. If this idea appeals to you, I very much hope it will, please let me know as early as possible and in the meantime any funds you are able to remit will be used to the best possible advantage.

Colony Acquires His Excellency the Acting Governor has replied as follows:

Your personal telegram of October 4, I entirely agree with the diversion of the funds already contributed of mobile canteens at your discretion. On December 1 Lord Lloyd sent the following telegram:

To help in urgently needed relief for a mobile canteen to be put into immediate service in the city at a gift of their homes or who during the coming winter will have to spend long anxious nights in shelter away from the homes of the Colonial Empire and its dependencies. The Ministry of Food are keen to co-operate and each Mayor expressing deep appreciation of the citizens of Coventry and asking the citizens of the Colony for some suitable local voyed to the people of the Colony name if preferred. All possible pub-

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Saturday

December 7

Football Results. The following were the results in the Hongkong Football League to-day.

First Division	
St. Joseph's	1 Kowloon 4
South China	3 Royal Scots 3
Kwong Wah	4 Club 3
Eastern	2 Sing Tao 2

Second Division	
Royal Scots	0 Sing Tao 2
South China	0 30th R.A. 0
Kwong Wah	1 K.C. Chee 1
Kowloon	0 Middlesex 5
Navy	0 Engineers 8

Third Division	
R.A.M.C.	4 20th R.A. 2
International	2 R.A.F. 0
Shell	1 12th R.A. 1
35th R.A.	2 Signals 2
36th R.A.	0 7th R.A. 0
R.A.S.C.	0 24th R.A. 2

H.K.V.D.C. Promotions. The following promotions in the H.K.V.D. Corps have been approved by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, with effect from November 21.

2/Lieut. J. M. M. Alves to be Lieutenant.
2/Lieut. D. J. S. Crozier to be Lieutenant.
Company Sgt. Major F. Bret to be 2/Lieutenant.

Sgt. M. G. Carruthers to be 2/Lieutenant.
The following appointments in the H.K.M.V.F. have also been approved, with effect from November 20.

To be acting Sub-Lieutenants—A. W. D. Sallis and D. A. Winter.
Band Concert at K.C.C. A large and representative gathering spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the Kowloon Cricket Club this evening when the Band of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, by kind nomination of Lieut.-Colonel D. J. McDougall, M.C., and officers, gave a concert in aid of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund.

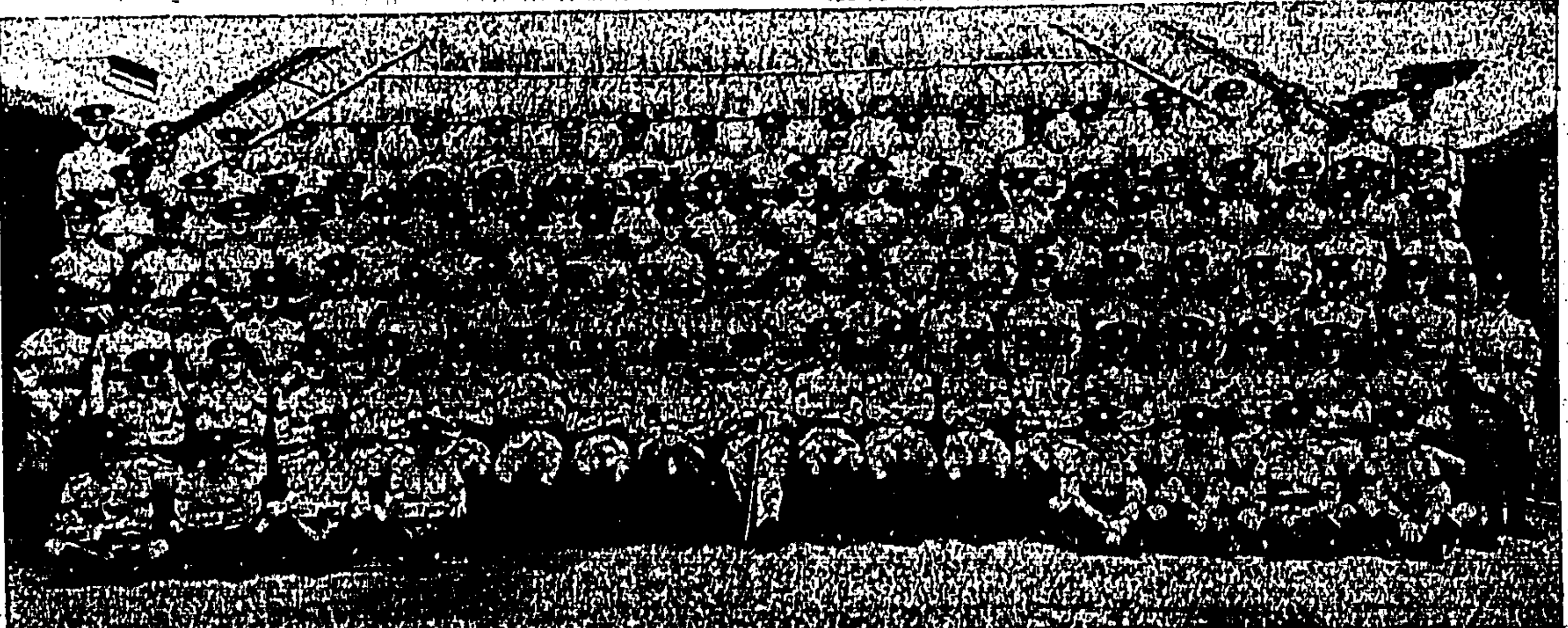
The Band, under the direction of Bandmaster H. R. Jordan, A.M.C.M., went through a well-arranged programme, which included two songs (The Song of the Vagabonds and "Old Man River" by Capt. T. A. Thompson (bass), a violin solo by Corporal A. Hays, and a xylophone solo by Lance-Corporal Phillips, all being repeatedly encored.

Organised by Capt. A. C. Houghton, convenor of the Entertainment Committee of the K.C.C., the evening was a very successful one, and it is understood that the Bomber Fund stands to benefit by over \$1,000 as a result.

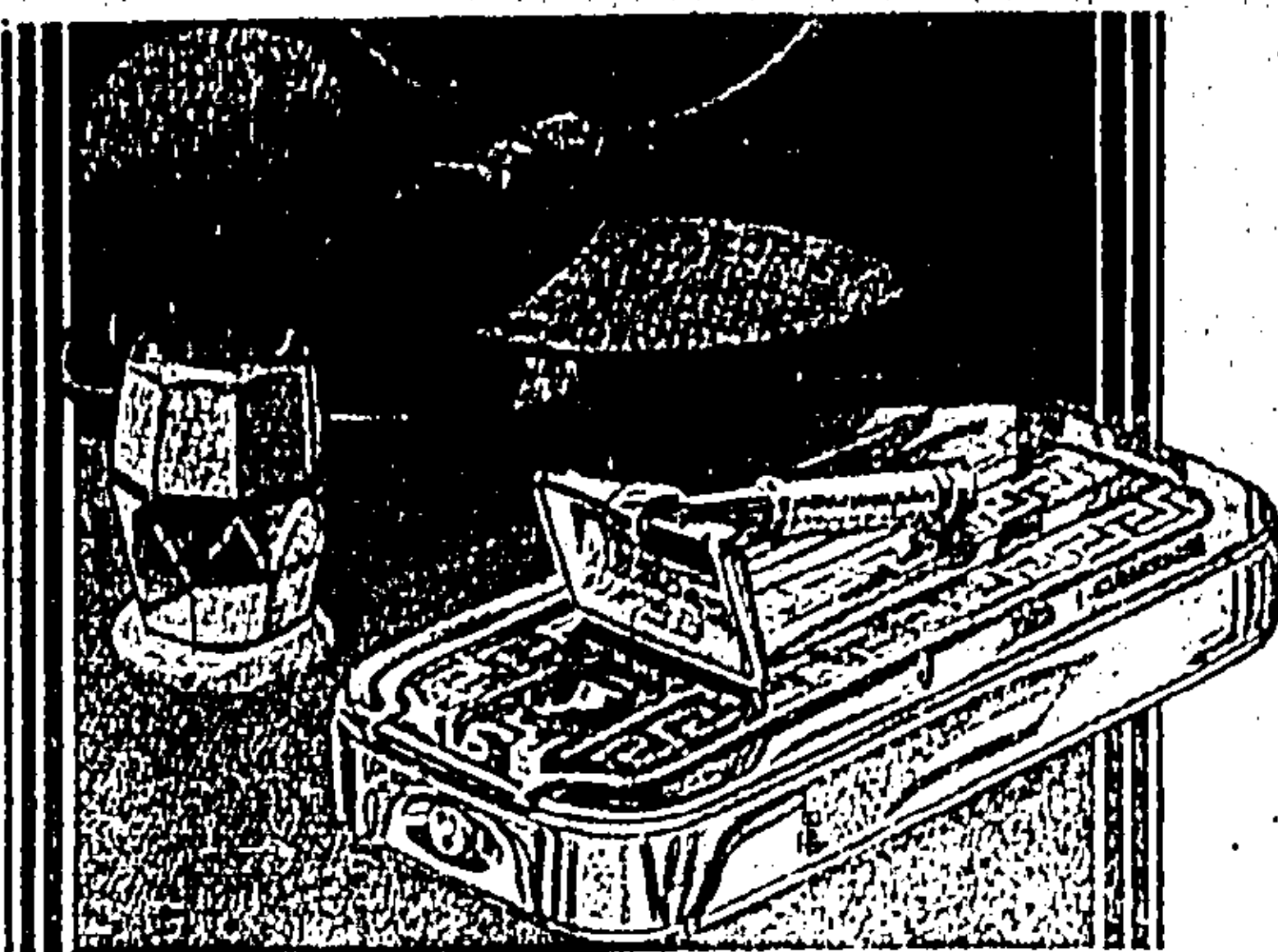
Christ Church Fair. Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, a most enjoyable Fun Fair and Sale of Work was held in the grounds of Christ Church, Kowloon, to-day. The function was opened by Miss Rosamund Kung.

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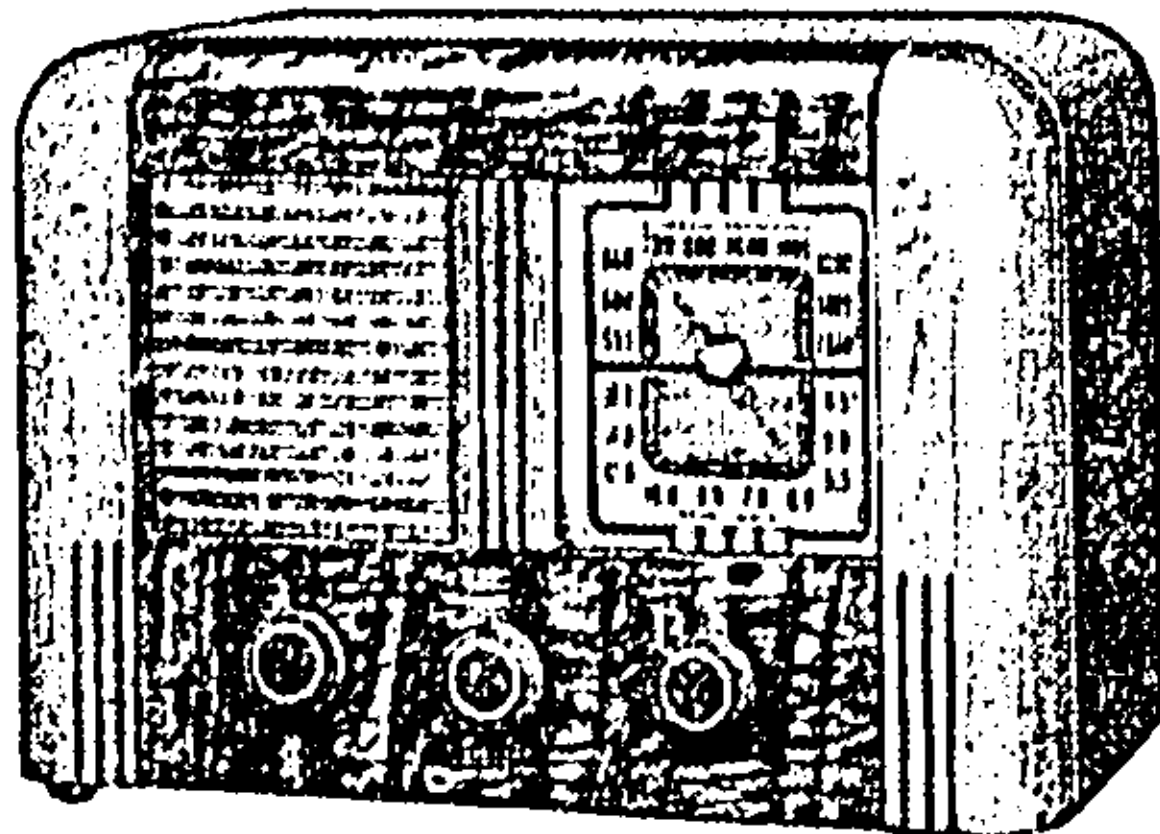
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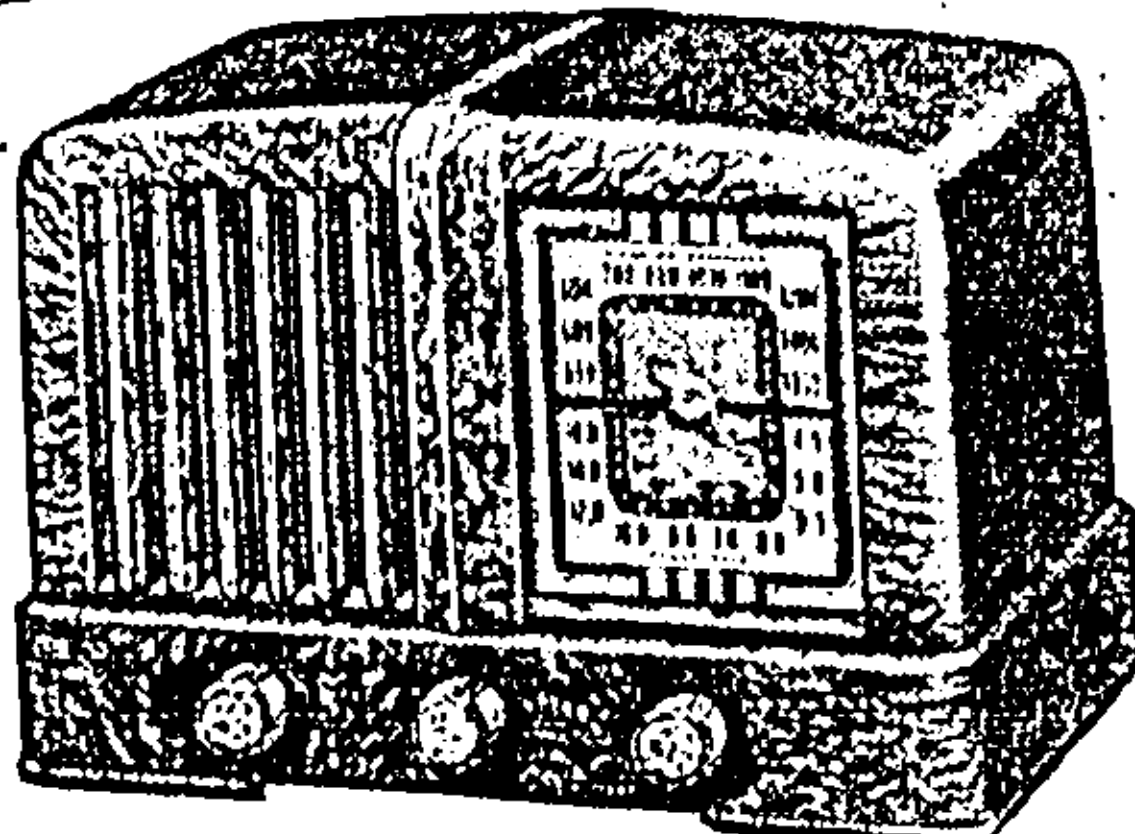
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BRITAIN'S TRADE

THE drop of nearly eight million pounds in Great Britain's export figures for October as compared with September perhaps need some clarification, especially as German propaganda has been quick to seize upon this decline as a proof that the U-boat campaign and bombing raids have been successful. The actual figures for the month show that exports totalled £23,000,000. In September they reached £31,000,000. Imports during the same period totalled £85,000,000—an increase of £23,000,000 over the figure for October of last year and an increase of £4,500,000 over September this year.

While Britain can afford to admit quite frankly that a certain percentage of the decline shown may be due to transport and port difficulties arising from German bombing, that by no means is the whole explanation. In fact, reports have clearly shown that the disruption to business caused by raids has been comparatively small. As an example, Germany claimed that Southampton had been completely devastated; that the people had fled and that it had been converted into a dead city. Yet it is known that the bus service in Southampton was functioning normally within 48 hours of the raid. Buses would hardly be operated in a city that had been "wiped out."

There are, in fact, a number of sound reasons which account for the drop in Britain's export figures for October, the first of which is the change which has been effected in customs procedure, including the abolition for a large proportion of goods consigned to the British Empire, of the system of re-entry of documents before cargoes are shipped. This change resulted in delay in making entries from which the customs returns were compiled for October, but will not recur, while the total will be rectified in the November figures. Apart from this change in procedure, a large reduction has been made in Empire imports of non-essential consumers' goods. This ban on non-essentials, while affecting export figures was made in order to release all possible resources for the war effort. Shipping has thus been made available in

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Chapter One

MARRIAGE IS THE THING

The splendid cavalcade clattering into the quiet English village of Meryton that bright May morning, rudely disturbed the sleepy tranquillity of the little town.

Two smartly liveried grooms on horseback preceded the elegant chaise drawn by four horses with uniformed men on its box. Two shining carriages, each drawn by a fine pair, carrying servants, luggage and dogs, followed in the rear.

Not that Meryton had never before seen resplendent retinues. No indeed! The furor, which shook to the depths every home that housed marriageable daughters, was caused by the occupants of the chaise, and by the reason for their arrival.

The two handsome, distinguished gentlemen who rode in the chaise had come to take up permanent residence at Netherfield Park, the finest estate in the country. Better than that—and the glad tidings spread like wildfire to every hearth—Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley were bachelors. Rich bachelors! The lady who accompanied them was Miss Bingley, who offered no complication inasmuch as she was engaged to a young man from London.

In no household was there more excitement than the Bennet's. Mrs. Bennet was beside herself with joy. And why not? What other Meryton matron had five marriageable daughters, with not a penny of dowry for any of them?

Mrs. Bennet, as would any good mother of that day when matrimony was a girl's only hope and career, pursued husbands for her five girls like a buying hound on the scent of a fox. Not all the charming wit of her eldest, Elizabeth, nor the beauty and modesty of Jane, nor the bespectacled pretensions to intellect of Mary, nor the flighty pursuit of handsome officers by Lydia and Kitty, nor the sardonic humour of her barrister husband could stay her.

Mr. Bennet's casual calm usually kept the household on an even keel. Yet, even his imperturbability threatened to break under Mrs. Bennet's barrage.

"Mr. Bennet," she stormed. "You must go over to Netherfield Park and pay your respects. If you don't, Sir William and Lady Lucas will get there before us. Her pushing wily of trying to get her Charlotte married is revolting!" "I'll tell you what I'll do, my dear," he answered blandly. "I'll send over a note assuring Mr. Bingley and Mr. Darcy of my hearty consent to their marrying whichever they choose of the girls—though I must throw in a word for my Lizzy."

"Elizabeth is not a bit better than the others!" she retorted. "Why do you always give her preference?" "They're all silly and ignorant like most girls," he sighed, "but Lizzy has some glimmerings of sense."

"Mr. Bennet!" Mrs. Bennet's tears began to flow. "How can you be so resigned to your daughter's larger measure to re-inforcing and supplying the Middle East armies and in particular, aiding the Greeks, where the presence of men, materials, airforce and navy has been instrumental in encouraging as well as assisting that gallant people in their struggle for liberty."

sister of hers—Miss Elizabeth. They say she has a lively wit."

"A provincial young lady with a lively wit!" Darcy exclaimed. "Heaven preserve us! And that mother of hers—"

"It's not the mother you have to dance with, Darcy," Bingley interrupted. "It's the daughter. She's charming."

"Oh, I admit she's tolerable enough—considering the class she comes from," Darcy shrugged as they started to move away. "But I'm in no humour for low life this evening."

Elizabeth rose from her chair and peered out after them. "Well—what a charming man!" She

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set her mouth angrily and fanned herself to cool her temper.

"You mustn't be offended, Lizzy," Charlotte consoled. "He didn't know you could hear."

"What difference does that make?" demanded Elizabeth furiously. "It's not my hearing that matters—it's the fact that he said it! The complacent, self-satisfied arrogance of the man! Oh, it makes me so angry!"

A young man advanced and claimed Charlotte for the next dance. Elizabeth took a seat along the wall. In another moment, Sir William approached with Darcy.

"Miss Elizabeth," beamed Sir William, "may I have the honour to present Mr. Darcy? He is eager to invite you to dance."

Darcy smiled at her. "Now that you have been forewarned of my eagerness to dance with you, may I hope you will do me the honour?"

Elizabeth smiled back coolly. "I'm afraid the honour of standing up with you is more than I could bear, Mr. Darcy. Pray excuse me."

He stared at her in amazement. "Are you saying you don't care to dance with me, Miss Bennet?"

Elizabeth's smile gave way to stony pride. "I'm begging to be excused, sir."

"It's my loss, I'm sure," he answered coldly.

"You perhaps know best about that, sir," was her calm rejoinder.

At that moment, Mr. Wickham, Lydia's officer, appeared. He greeted Elizabeth, then turned to Darcy with smiling good humour. Darcy stared at him, his face darkening.

"Mr. Darcy," said Elizabeth, "may I present Mr. Wickham?"

"Mr. Darcy and I have met before," Wickham said casually. "Darcy, making no movement of salutation toward Wickham, bowed stiffly to Elizabeth and walked away."

She stared after him, astonished and incensed by his manner. "The man must be mad," she said.

"Mad?" Wickham smiled. "You're too charitable, Miss Elizabeth. If you were better acquainted with him, you would see another man."

"Have you known him a long time?" she asked in amazement.

"Since childhood. But, as you saw, we're not on friendly terms. You see—well—my father was steward of the Darcy estates."

Elizabeth blushed for Darcy's snobbish pride. "Without knowing anything more, I'm on your side," she cried.

Jane, meanwhile, was glowing with the delight of being presented by Mr. Bingley to his sister.

"When one's accustomed to the fashionable world of London," Miss Bingley remarked, then stopped with an elegant, deprecating gesture. "Frankly, Miss Jane, you strike me as the only civilised person in the room."

"Oh, you're unfair to the others," Miss Bingley patted her arm patronisingly. "Sweet child. What a charming disposition. You must come over to Netherfield one day. I shall be so bored, you know, marooned out here in the wilderness. We'll arrange it, shall we? Very soon?"

What happens when Jane visits the Bingley estate? Will Elizabeth see Darcy again? Read to-morrow's chapter.

The Mere Man

Control Of Rice Prices
Government last week accomplished a very timely act by fixing the retail prices of rice which had gone up out of all proportion to the real situation and which, but for official action, would certainly have been forced even higher. But let the Government not stop there. It should at once proceed to re-examine the situation as a whole and devise means to ensure that in future prices will not have to be pegged any higher than they are.

Distress, widespread as it is, would only be made the more severe if, through lack of foresight and preparation, any real increase in the cost of rice imports should result in the fixing of new maximum prices, thus passing the burden back upon the suffering poor. If cheap rice can be guaranteed only at financial loss, then Government should be ready to meet it with taxpayers' money, and taxpayers, I am sure, would be willing to face sacrifice.

Chinese Success In Hupeh
It may be that the Sino-Japanese war has lasted too long to command more than the ordinary interest of the average newspaper reader; even spectacular events do not seem to be impressive. Whatever the reason, the recent Japanese operations in Hupeh and the successful Chinese counter-measures do not appear to be so generally talked about as other similarly significant moves in the past. Tsierschwang exploded the myth of Japanese invincibility and gave China new hope; the latest Hupeh battle, in which the Chinese ran rings round their adversary, is the fulfilment of that hope.

"Ran rings round their adversary" is right, too. The Japanese, who are always fought according to the book and never with much ingenuity or resourcefulness, once again tried their much-touted pincer movement. The Chinese anticipated the whole tactical design, and cleverly manoeuvred themselves so that the Japanese had nothing worth while around which to close their pincers. It was the Japanese who were surrounded.

There has been a paucity of news about this battle, but there seems to be no doubt that the Chinese have scored a victory sufficiently effective to prove that the hope engendered at Tsierschwang was based on something solid. The Hupeh battle is not the end of the war; more battles, perhaps, will still have to be fought; but henceforth, confidence will do much to help Chinese arms and hasten the day of reckoning for Japan.

General Li Tsung-jen, the genius of Tsierschwang, has scored another brilliant success. One of the "Big Two" of Kwangsi, he has shown that he and General Pan Chung-hai more than earn the trust reposed in them by the Central Government and the Chinese people.

Mysterious Authority
Are the people who give news to reporters more modest nowadays, or less sure of themselves, or are reporters getting their information from other than properly authoritative sources and attempting to hide this fact? In any event, I notice that, in other countries as well as in Hongkong, anonymity hold sway.

Speaking as an ordinary newspaper reader, my favourite character nowadays is either "Government spokesman" or "Leading authority." I am not sure which. "Military expert" comes not far behind.

"Leading authority" scored very heavily the other day. He "declared" that the figures of non-combatants killed in recent raids on London are small compared with the total civil population or with the losses of the fighting services in this, or the last war.

To reach that conclusion, it is necessary to be a leading authority. No ordinary person would ever suspect such a thing.

Then there is a "high official" who says that "there are only two alternatives before the Italians—to retreat or to fight on."

There are also "Government circles." How lucky we all are to be surrounded, hedged in and propped up by so many cohorts of brilliant—but mysterious—chatterboxes!

—Claudius

JAPAN INSPIRES BRITAIN AND CHINA TO PARALLEL POLICIES

Direct Hit By R.A.F. Bomb On Italian Warship

ATHENS, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—A direct hit on the stern of one ship, and many near misses were observed by the crews of R.A.F. bombers which are officially stated to have attacked Italian shipping off the Albanian coast yesterday.

A raid was carried out on Valona in bad weather conditions and against heavy enemy fighter opposition. All bombs fell in the target area but the results could not be observed.

Two Bombers Down
CAIRO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—New Italian air losses are recorded in an R.A.F. communique. One fighter among the strong patrols trying to defend Valona against the R.A.F. raid, was shot down.

It is now confirmed that of three Italian bombers which attempted to raid Buna in Kenya on November 22, only one escaped from British fighters. One bomber, it is now established, made a forced landing 60 miles from Buna. Four of the crew were captured and the fifth was killed. A second bomber was shot down in flames. Various reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all fronts besides the raids yesterday on shipping off the Albanian coast and on Valona.

Nazi Treaty With Iran

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 8 (UP).—A trade agreement between Germany and Iran was signed on Friday providing for "the finding of quotas for the exchange of goods between Germany and Iran during the next trading year."

The official communique did not give the details of the pact which was signed by Hamid Sayah, Director General of the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

Laval Berlin Visit Off

Not Unexpected

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Berlin announcement that M. Laval's visit to the German capital will not take place was not unexpected. Over a week ago it was reported that Marshal Petain had stopped the plans for the visit on the ground that Laval could only agree to concessions to which Petain and the rest of the Cabinet could not. The London "Sunday Times" today says that it is clear that in his negotiations with Laval, Hitler toyed with the idea of getting France as a partner in Italy's place. Up to a point, Italy's failure is Laval's opportunity but Laval's opportunity does not go beyond a certain point because French faith in Britain is steadily recovering and neither France nor Italy are likely to be impressed at Hitler again employed in a game of double-crossing.

Clipper's Delay

The California Clipper has been further delayed, and is now expected to arrive here on December 12. She will leave on the return journey to Manila and America the following day.

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Central News).—There is every indication here that Britain is keeping close parallel with Washington in her China policy, in view of the fact that Japan, by concluding her belated tripartite alliance, has declared her readiness to help her Axis partners to crush Britain.

It is unbelievable that the British people, now under the terrific German air blitz and the threat of invasion, will forget the significance of that act or allow themselves to be deceived by Tokyo's blandishments that the alliance is not directed against Britain and America.

Hitler's chariness in seeking to Japanese domination over the Colonies of the defeated European countries is reported to have arisen from the fact that Tokyo has so far contributed nothing substantial towards bringing the downfall of Britain. The refusal of M. Molotov to be enticed by Berlin into concluding non-aggression pact with Tokyo at China's expense is of considerable significance in the Far Eastern situation. The Soviet's stand has the effect of preventing Japan firstly from extricating herself from China without loss of face, and secondly from securing her northern rear and releasing the Kwangtung army now tied up in Manchuria, and thirdly, from embarking upon her southward adventure.

Southward Expansion Balked
LONDON, Dec. 8.—Geographical incontinuity is preventing the European Axis Powers from helping their Asiatic partner, Japan, economically and militarily, observers here point out.

Japan is feeling the strain after three years of war, while on the other hand China's power of resistance is steadily growing militarily and politically, encouraged by the continuously increased assistance from America and Russia.

Britain's contribution towards China's war effort at this juncture is most timely and significant, state observers. It is imperative, they emphasise, that no opportunity be given to the tripartite Powers to retrieve themselves from their blunder.

China's final victory has never been doubted by the majority of the British people who are much encouraged by the recent Chinese successes. However, some of them are still suspicious of the intention of the Japanese withdrawal from large areas of Central and South China. The violence maintained by the United States' navy in the Pacific, and Britain's newly-appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Far East Command, clearly indicates Anglo-American determination for joint action against Japan's southward expansion.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, says: The market continues its upward trend with sustained enquiries at higher rates. Though the turnover is not big, any shares offered are readily absorbed, and better prices are obtainable for larger parcels of shares.

Buyers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,320
Union Ins.	\$301
Wharves	\$90
Docks "O"	\$17.70
Docks "N"	\$17
Providents	\$5.45
Humphreys	\$7.40
Realities	\$3.60
Trams	\$17.30
Star Berries	\$50
Yau-matli Ferries	\$23
Lights "O" C.D.	\$7.20
Lights "N" C.D.	\$6.90
Electric "O"	\$38.50
Electric "N"	\$38.25
Sandakan Lights	\$11.20
Telephones "O"	\$24.75
Telephones "N"	\$10.10
Cements	\$18
Ropes	\$6.00
Dairy Farms	\$18.75
Watsons	\$10.50
Entertainments	\$8.00
Constructions "O"	\$1.60
Marsman Inv. H.K.	2/6
Sellers	
Docks "O"	\$18
Watsons	\$10.75
Vibro Piling	" "
Sales	
H.K. Banks	\$1,325
Docks "O"	\$18
Providents	\$5.45/5.50
Lands	\$33.25
Trams	\$17.40
Cements	\$18
Ropes	\$7
Watsons	\$10.50

Sacrifice Sunday In Germany

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Today in Germany is "Sacrifice Sunday" when the German people were pressed to contribute to the Winter Relief Fund which has been a regular feature ever since the Nazi Party came into power. Ostensibly money collected on "Sacrifice Sunday" is intended for the poor and the destitute but many Germans have remarked that no balance sheet is ever published and the public is not told what happens to the collections. The fund is administered exclusively by Nazis.

THE IMMIGRATION LAW
The following communique to the Press was issued by the Colonial Secretary on Saturday: "It is notified for general information that Government do not propose to bring the Immigration Control Ordinance, 1940, into force earlier than January 14, 1941."

Nazi Luftwaffe Is Sobered By R.A.F. Exploits

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—There has been a strange lull in German air activity over Britain since Friday night which has intrigued British observers.

Three reasons for the lull are advanced; they are all speculations, but one or more have some basis in facts.

Not a little exhausted by four months of continuous day and night raiding over the Channel, Germany may be conserving the strength of her air force for a dramatic new blow against Britain, here or in another theatre of war.

Two other reasons find more immediate favour, however. Probably inter-related, they are the Royal Air Force's eight-hour hammering of Luftwaffe bases in occupied territory on Friday night, and weather conditions over the continent.

It is the first time that the main weight of the R.A.F.'s night blitz has been directed against the aerodromes from which the Luftwaffe raided London and, more recently, English ports and industrial towns. In the past these have only been attacked when British bomber crews were unable to locate their primary targets.

Why Nazis Stay Home
The daring with which this new offensive was carried out combined with the poor visibility near the ground and the severe cold at high levels, may have served to "ground" the Luftwaffe for the first time since August 7.

German crews returning from the latest raid on Bristol were faced with the perilous task of landing on flare paths heavily plastered with high explosive bombs. It is reasonably certain that there were crashes and casualties.

Reports of another smashing R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on Nazi industrial targets—and raids on more enemy aerodromes—were read in London to-day as the capital, debilitated whether it would experience its third successive night without bombs. Up to noon on Sunday only one German reconnaissance plane had been sighted.

Preliminary reports of the R.A.F. raid on Düsseldorf on Saturday night show that it was as heavy and destructive as Wednesday's raid. Visibility was good and the pilots had no difficulty in recognising their targets—blast furnaces, steel works, gas works, railway yards and the inland port.

Roofs caved in under the weight of bombs, and explosions tore the walls of several steel works wide open. One experienced crew said that "the largest fire I have ever seen" was caused.

One of Wednesday's targets was an armaments factory. **One Plane Downed**
LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—One enemy fighter was shot down in the Channel early on Sunday afternoon. This was announced in a chief Air Ministry communique which adds "otherwise there is nothing to report."

The skies over Britain have been remarkably clear of enemy aircraft since Friday night's attack on Bristol—and the R.A.F.'s hammering the same night of Luftwaffe's bases in occupied territory.

Further details of the R.A.F.'s raid on the French Atlantic ports of Brest and Lorient on Saturday night when the Luftwaffe was "grounded" for the first time since the opening of the "Blitz," were issued on Sunday night.

Brest underwent its most severe battering so far. At the outset, fires started around the naval school. There followed a vast explosion at the power station, one observer describing the scene as like a huge blacksmith's forge from which rose showers of what looked like hot metal mingled with the debris of shattered buildings.

Incendiaries and high explosives fell on infantry and naval barracks and buildings in between.

Usual Nazi Claims
BERLIN, Dec. 8 (UP).—The "Völkischer Beobachter," to-day carries a headline "November Balance," referring to the bombings of England and Germany. "It is quite clear that 6,750,000 kilograms of explosive bombs were dropped on England during November, while 43,000 kilograms of British bombs were dropped on Reich territory," declared the paper. A sub-heading declares: "London alone has been bombed with 3,870,000 kilograms of explosives."

The China Clipper has been delayed by mechanical trouble on Wake Island and is not expected to reach Hongkong until to-morrow. The Clipper will leave again on December 11.

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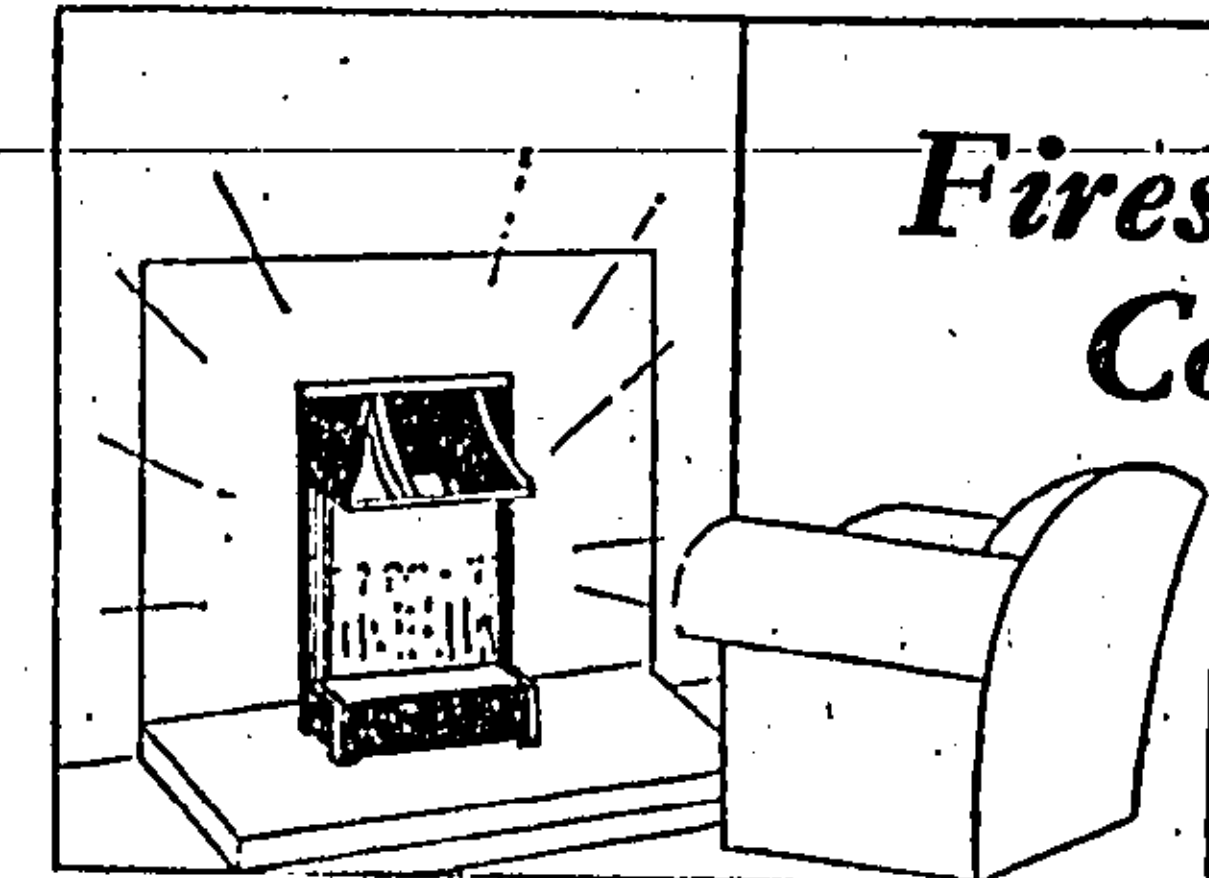
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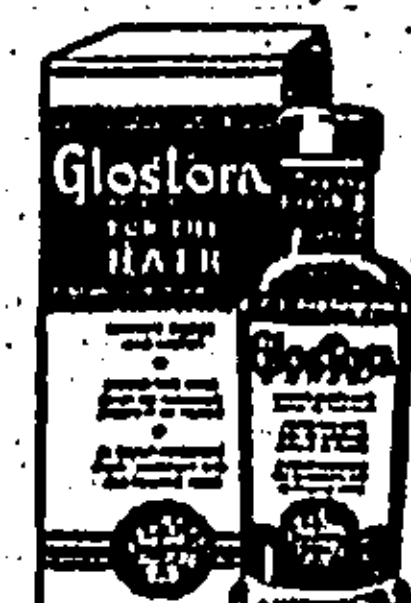
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

SING TAO AVERT DEFEAT WITH LAST MINUTE GOALS

Eastern Forwards Thrill Record Crowd: Defence In Great Form

(By "SCRAMBLER")

IN A THRILLING encounter before a record crowd for a local league game at Caroline Hill yesterday, Eastern and Sing Tao played a drawn game of two goals all, each scoring in each half of the game. It was a match where the defences were most to the fore, and Eastern had a lot to be thankful for, for if their rearguard had not come up to expectation towards the end of the game, Sing Tao would have snatched a last minute victory.

The game was fast and furious right from the start. Eastern got off to an early goal, for right after Cheung Wing-choi made two spectacular saves in quick succession, one from a free kick taken by Hsu King-seng and the other from Hau Ching-tau from close quarter, Lee Tin-sang miskicked to allow V. K. Hyui to follow up to net from close in. Less than three minutes later Eastern increased their lead for from a foul against Lee Tin-sang, Hsu King-seng took the kick just outside the area for Hau Ching-tau to push the ball into the net from close range.

Play thereafter developed into a defensive game for Sing Tao. Eastern inspired by a two goal lead kept pegging away, and it was the magnificent goal keeping of Cheong Wing-choi that kept the score down. At this stage Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang were doing great work also.

A REJUVENATED TEAM

After the interval, it was a rejuvenated Sing Tao team that took the field, and had they swung the ball around a little more they would have been rewarded with at least one goal. As it was, they persisted in a series of short passing bouts that got them nowhere. On the other hand Eastern were inclined to take matters easy, and indulged in too many childish pranks, Hau Ching-tau being the chief offender.

Play was very even, and Sing Tao had more of the ball than their opponents, but passes often went astray, and again it was the defence that took the eye. Cheung Wing-choi saved on several occasions by his clever anticipations, and at the other end, his opposite Lau Hin-hon was also called upon at goal by the Sing Tao's forwards—went wild either through hefty kicking or too much close passing.

Six minutes from the end, Sing Tao obtained their first goal, for after a series of attacks that had Eastern confined to a defensive game, a corner taken by Lau Tsuman was cleverly headed into the net by Kwok Ying-ke.

Spurred by this goal, Eastern were given a gruelling time, and again after many attempts at goal Sing Tao drew the equaliser, as after Lau Hin-hon effected an easy save from Lai Shui-wing, he threw the ball out to his men only to see Fung King-cheung snapping it up to tap it into the right hand corner of the net. Prior to this Lai Shui-wing had a glorious chance of scoring, but in steadying

himself, he allowed Yim Sze-nam to put him off.

FORWARDS v. DEFENCES

On the whole a draw was a fair reflection of the game, for during the first period it was Eastern that dominated the attack, and in the second, Sing Tao came back into the picture and gave their opponents a hot time.

It was the superb goal keeping of Cheung Wing-choi that saved Sing Tao from a heavier defeat. This keeper was way ahead of Lau Hin-hon, and gave a very fine performance. The latter was inclined to hang on to the ball, and it was from his throwing same away when pressed that the second goal was scored. Eastern's pair of backs, Kong Sing-king and Yim Sze-nam, the latter a new comer played a very steady game, their combination was better than Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang. Hau Yung-sang did not appear to be comfortable against the nippy Hau Ching-tau, perhaps it was due to Leung Wing-chiu giving the winger too much rope. With the exception of the miskick, Lee Tin-sang gave his usual performance.

The intermediate trio of Lau Tsi-chang, Hsu King-seng and Ng Kee-cheong were better than Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing and Tsui Ah-fai as a combination. There was more harmony and cohesion in their play than in the opposite trio, for they had their work cut down to a great degree by clever positionings and anticipations. Soong Ling-sing as an individual played as well as could be expected, and most of the work fell on his shoulders, for with Taul Ah-fai as a complete failure as a wing half, and Leung Wing-chiu inclined to playing as a second pivot, he had to shoulder their responsibilities.

VIRILE FORWARDS

Eastern's quintettes of Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K.

KWONG WAH OUT-PLAY CLUB IN CHARITY MATCH

IN A game that was devoid of science and skill, Kwong Wah obtained their first full two points on Saturday at Boundary Street Ground at the expense of the Club by the odd goal in seven. The game was played under the distinguished patronage of H. E. Major General A. E. Grasett, the proceeds of which were for the fund in aid of The Hongkong Refugee & Social Welfare Council.

Club gave a very poor display. With the exception of Strange and Eardley in the defence and Fowler and Bickford in the forward line, the rest of the team did not come up to expectation. There was a complete lack of understanding among the players, and Odell in goal was disappointing, being shaky under pressure and lacked confidence.

DEFENCE DEMORALISED

Kwong Wah's defence was inclined to too much individualistic play, and the bustling methods of Fowler were somewhat demoralising to them. Lee Kwok-kee gave a very polished display between the sticks, and the goals scored against him were not his fault. In the forward line, Cheuk Shek-chung, Chin Chi-fun and Wong King-chung combined to a nicely, and there was always more danger from these three when they got going.

Chin Chi-fun opened the scoring for Kwong Wah's account when he dashed in to put them ahead. As Odell was waiting for the pronouncement of the ball, this score was levelled as from a corner kick Fowler headed in from a pass by Bickford. Fowler scored a fine goal just before the interval.

KWONG WAH IMPROVE

After the lemon, Kwong Wah improved whereas Club fell badly away. After a short attack Cheuk Shek-kam equalised with a fine goal and immediately from the restart Lau Fook-chuen after evading two players passed the ball to Chin Chi-fun who made no mistake about scoring. Still pegging away, Kwong Wah made matters certain when Wong King-chung scored into an empty net after Odell had left his charge. Fowler reduced the arrears towards the end thus bringing in his "A-trick".

Kwong Wah: Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fai-lum, Leung Pak-wah, Lee Wah-chi, Cheung Kim-fai, Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong King-chung. Club: Odell, Strange, Eardley, Skinner, Upson, Gow, Gratton Scott, Fowler, Bickford, Hopkinson.

Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-tau were always dangerous on the move, and it would be hard to single out any of these five for praise. Hau Ching-tau once again with his opportunism scored a nice goal, and his speed and deceptive swerving had the defenders guessing time and again. Tsao was another player that worked hard and got his men together.

Sing Tao's forwards were not very much at home in the first half, for they found the constant close attention of the intermediate trio much to their dislike, especially the watch kept over their wizard, Fung King-cheung by the pivot Hsu King-seng. The inside trio did not strike up an understanding till late, and when once they got started, their close passing bouts lost them much territory. Passes, as was stated, to the wings often went wide. Lau Tsuman sent across many nice centres and on the whole played quite well, but the same could not be said of Tang Kwong-sum.

Eastern: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king, Yim Sze-nam; Lau Tsi-chang, Hsu King-seng, Ng Kee-cheong; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao, Hau Ching-tau.

Sing Tao: Cheong Wing-choi; Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing, Tsui Ah-fai; Tang Kwong-sum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-ke, Lau Tsuman.

WELL CLEARED!



Relieving pressure during the Kwong Wah-Hongkong F.C. First Divisional League soccer game at Boundary Street on Saturday. The proceeds from this match were devoted to Charity.—Ming Yuen.

Lawn Bowls

St. Andrew's Society Beat St. George's

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY recorded a win over St. George's Society in the annual lawn bowls match played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday. Six rinks took part, and the final scores were 153 shots to 96.

Week-End Cricket Honours List

Batting

K. Y. Tam (University)	100*
J. F. Lawrence (H.K.C.C.)	100
F. E. Lawrence (C.S.C.)	72
W. H. Colledge (C.S.C.)	49
G. Hong Choy (H. K. U.)	46*
K. R. West (H.M.S. Tamar)	42
*Not Out.	

Bowling

G. Asome (St. Joseph's), 6 for 45	
J. Macaulay (D.B.S.), 7 for 14	
A. E. Carey (Police), 5 for 23	
Lockhurst (R.A.P.C.), 5 for 32	
L. Remedios (Schools), 5 for 33	
Brown (School), 5 for 35	
G. Sousa (C.C.C.), 5 for 63	

Kowloon C. C. Easily Beat Army XI

IN AN ALL-DAY cricket match at the Kowloon Cricket Club, Army were beaten by the home side by seven wickets in a low scoring game. Army batted first, and following an early collapse, J. Webb and A. Throppe came together, and it was mainly through their efforts that even 82 was reached.

Steady contributions from Kowloon's first four batsmen gave them victory. Bowling honours were shared by F. R. Zimmerman, 4 for 32, and E. Curtis, 3 for 21.

Army				
C. Logan, c R. C. Fincher, b F. Zimmerman	0			
J. F. Lawrence, lb.w. b Lloyd	1			
F. Bateman, run out	1			
J. Webb, c Rapley, b Anderson	24			
A. Throppe, not out	21			
F. J. Fielden, b Curtis	1			
G. Denyer, b F. Zimmerman	1			
W. French, c Curtis, b F. Zimmerman	1			
N. A. Fergus, b F. Zimmerman	1			
R. Bailey, lb.w. b Curtis	1			
Extras	1			
Total	82			

Bowling Analysis				
F. R. Zimmerman	O	M	R	W
Lloyd	1	1	21	1
Anderson	1	1	21	1
Curtis	4	1	21	3

Kowloon				
D. J. N. Anderson, c Lown, b Fergus	11			
D. Hunt, c Throppe, b Fergus	33			
F. F. Fincher, lb.w. b French	10			
F. F. Mackay, not out	2			
A. Zimmerman, not out	1			
Extras	1			
Total	59			

Three wickets for

F. R. Zimmerman, E. C. Fincher, W. L.

H. K. S. R. A. "A" Win K. O. Y. L. I. Polo Cup

H.K.S.R.A. "A" convincingly secured the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry polo cup when they beat the H.K.S.R.A. "B" by 12 goals to two in the Cup final at Boundary Street on Saturday. His Excellency, Maj-Gen. A. E. Grasett was among the large crowd of spectators.

Lucky Cash Sweep Numbers At Macao

Results of the cash sweeps for yesterday's meeting of the Macao Jockey Club were:

Race No. 1.	
No. 65	\$247.00
" 421	70.00
" 107	35.30
Unplaced ponies (\$7.80 each): Nos.	
172, 423, 120, 238.	
Race No. 2.	
No. 240	\$259.50
" 179	74.10
" 409	37.10
Unplaced ponies (\$20.00 each): Nos.	
20, 212.	
Race No. 3.	
No. 00	\$291.10
" 197	63.10
" 189	41.00
Unplaced ponies (\$23.10 each): Nos.	
140, 4.	
Race No. 4.	
No. 168	\$204.40
" 222	58.40
" 164	29.20
Unplaced pony (\$32.40) No. 435.	
Race No. 5.	
No. 18779	\$8,074.43
" 1224	2,478.40
" 4209	1,239.20
Unplaced ponies (\$123.17 each): Nos.	
21007, 10730, 13636, 1743, 9169, 22501, 11300, 18370, 10013, 15010, 5244.	
Race No. 6.	
No. 75	\$294.00
" 17	83.90
" 149	42.00
Unplaced pony (\$23.30) No. 117.	

"A" dominated play from the commencement, and throughout maintained an excellent standard of play. Against such opposition, "B" strove hard but were unable to produce form capable of holding their opponents. In contrast to "A's" superb management of the ball, "B" were, on occasions, surprisingly poor.

"A" team maintained their brilliance throughout the match. Not even when they were comfortably established did they relax. Six of their goals were scored by Lt. B. R. Smith, who was remarkably accurate. Smith opened the scoring in the first chukker, and this was followed by one from Major W. Wilson. Major R. Penfold obtained possession from the throw-in and cantered down field to record the third and finally Smith following Penfold in a fine run secured the fourth.

LEAD REDUCED

CAPT. A. ATKINSON, who was playing a great game for the losers, reduced the lead in the second chukker, and at the beginning of the third notched another, but "A" were on the mark again and through Wilson and Penfold, four further goals were chalked up.

Thus leading by six clear goals in the final chukker, Smith came into his own and tallied all four goals of that period for the winners. The teams were:

H.K.S.R.A. "A"—Lt. A. Fielden, Major R. Penfold, Major W. Wilson and Lt. B. R. Smith.
H.K.S.R.A. "B"—Capt. H. Duncan, Major C. Fisher, Capt. J. Munro and Capt. A. Atkinson.

PRIZES PRESENTED

Following the game, the prizes were distributed by Mr. W. T. Stanton who was thanked by Lt. Fielden.

Subsidiary Cup

FIRST GAME of the afternoon was one between Middlesex Regiment and Fixed Defences for a "Subsidiary Cup", and this was won deservedly by Fixed Defences by four goals to nil.



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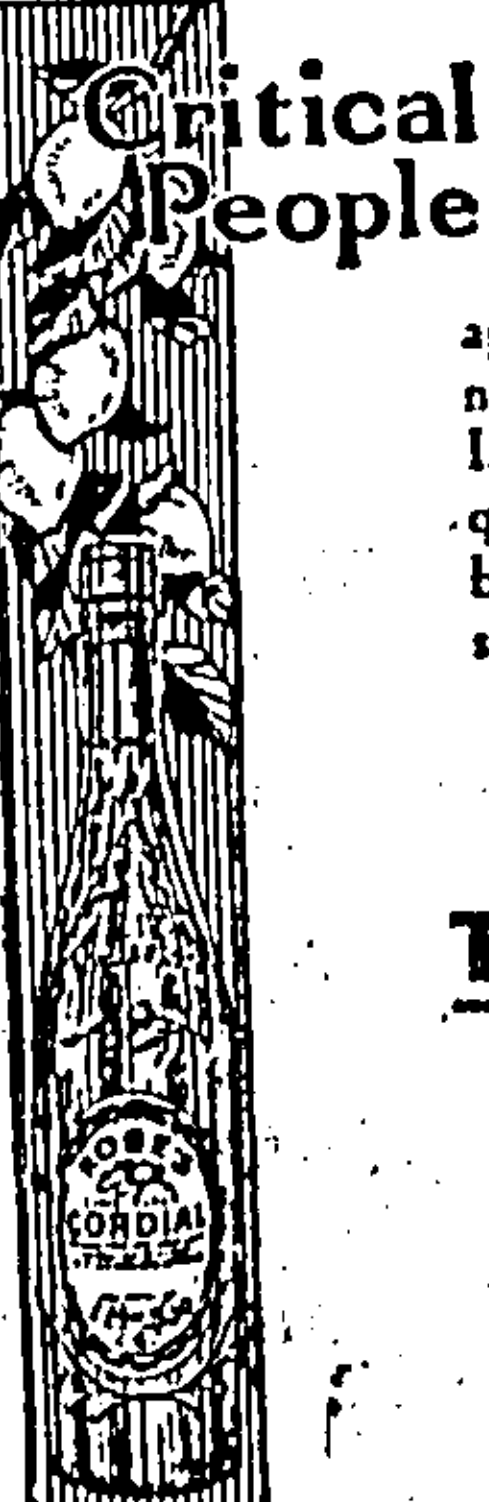
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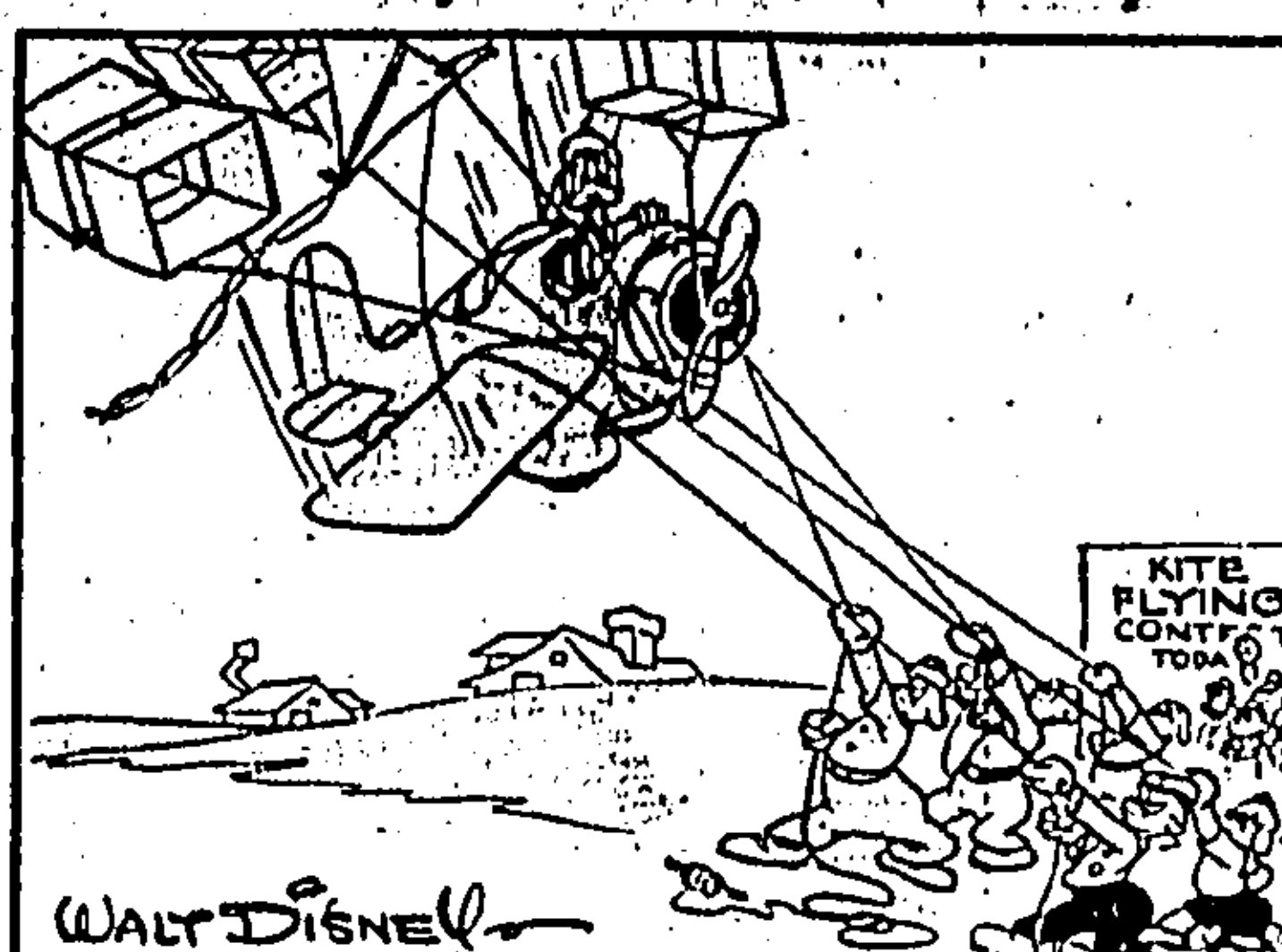
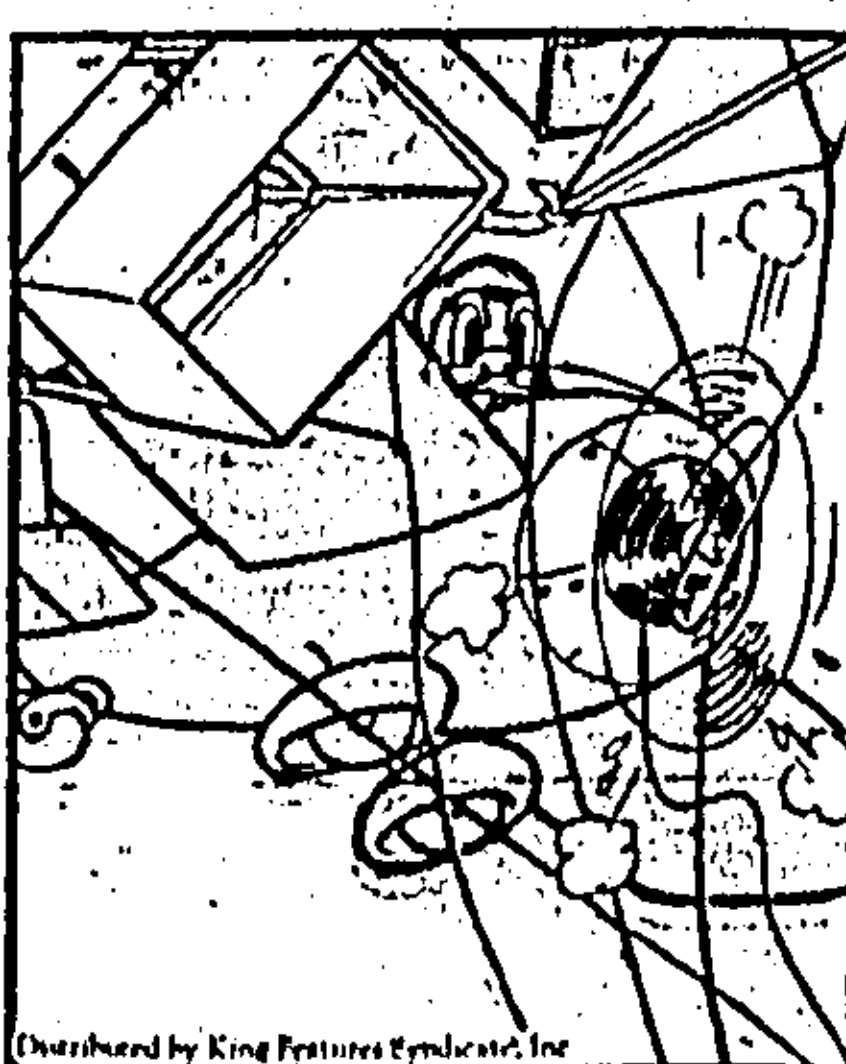
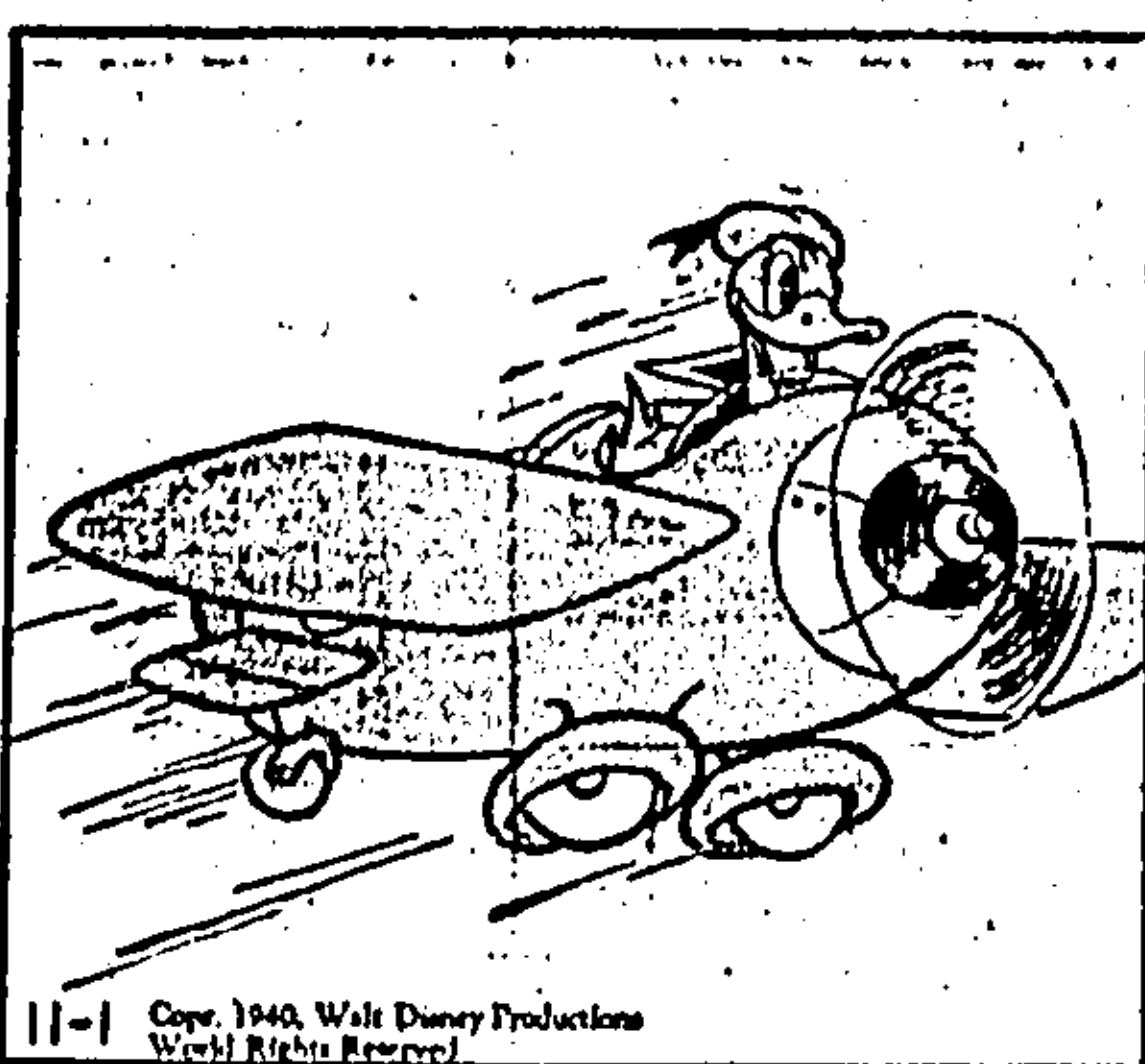
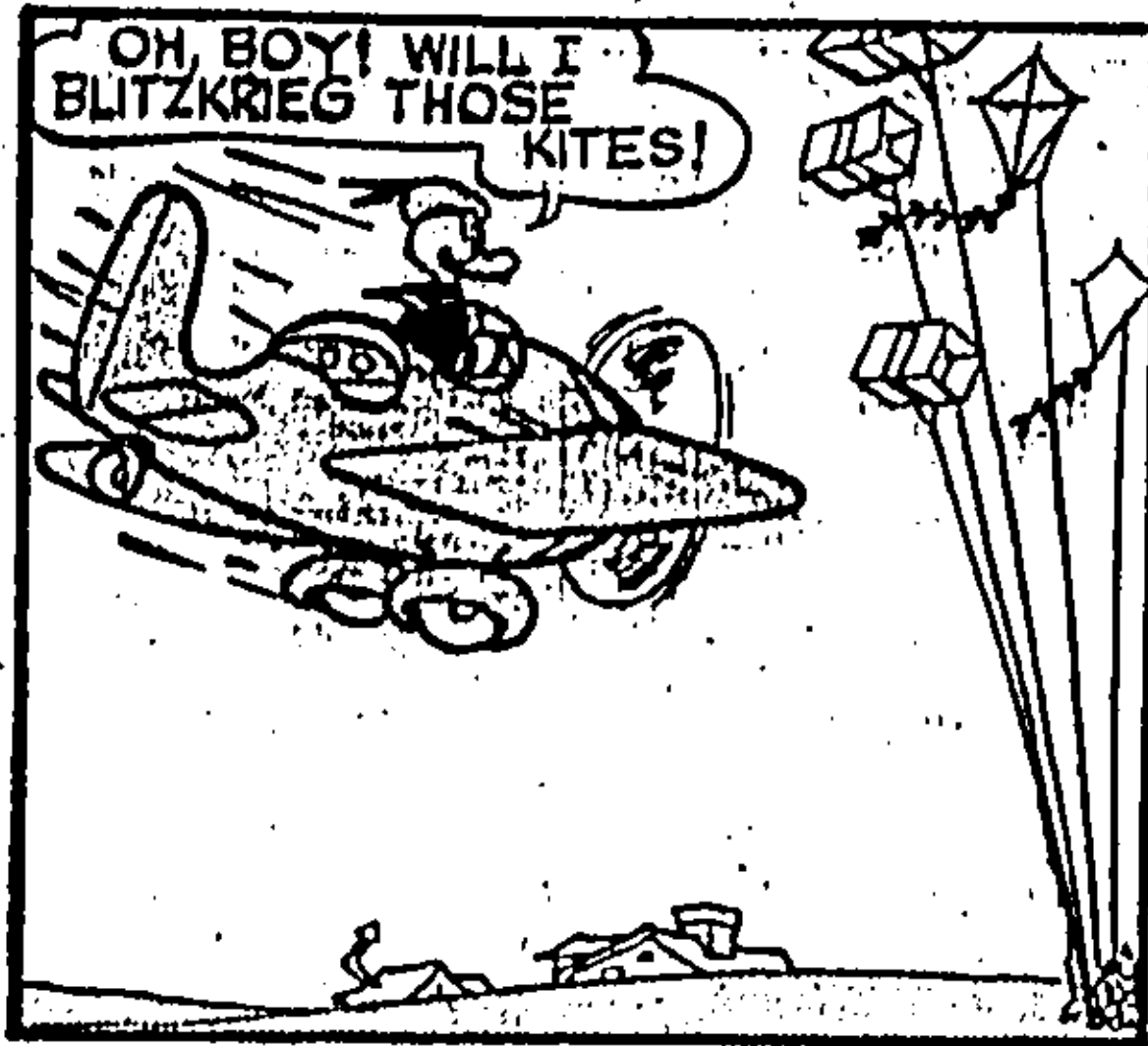
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GENERALS DIE IN AIR CRASH

Another Blow For Italians

ROME, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Two Italian generals were killed when a plane carrying members of the Italian armistice commission crashed on a flight from Rome to Turin.

The fatality occurred on Saturday when a military plane carrying members of the commission which had been engaged in France in negotiations, crashed at Baracque in the province of Piedmont.

The generals were General Pietro Pinna, General of the Air Force, and General Pellegini.

More Italian Changes

ROME, Dec. 8 (UP).—It has been officially announced that Admiral Domenico Cavagnari has resigned as Chief of the Italian Navy Staff and Under-Secretary for the Navy.

He will be replaced by Admiral Arturo Riccardi, while a new post as Commander-in-Chief of the fleet on the seas has been given to Admiral Angelo Iaccini.

Follows Badoglio's Method

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Admiral Cavagnari, Chief of the Italian Naval Staff, resigned at his own request on the same pattern as did Marshal Badoglio, Chief of the General Staff of the Italian Armed Forces, and General Maria de Vecchi, Governor of the Dodecanese Islands.

This dramatic sequel to Italy's setbacks in the campaign against Greece was first reported from Berlin on Sunday and was confirmed from Rome later in the day a few hours before it was officially announced from Athens that Greek forces had occupied Argiro-Castron, the important base in southern Albania which had been left in flames by retreating Italians.

By royal decree Admiral Arturo Riccardi has been appointed Chief of Naval Staff and Under-Secretary of States for the Navy, both of which posts Admiral Cavagnari had held.

Admiral Inigo Campioni, it was also announced, has become Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, and Admiral Angelo Iaccini, Commander of the Fleet at sea.

Campioni's predecessor is not named but a few months ago this post was held by Admiral Somigli.

Promise of Activity

This reshuffle of naval appointments may presage greater activity on the part of the Italian fleet or at least the promise of it by Mussolini to his ally Hitler.

New Japanese Envoy For Nanking

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Kumataro Honda, former Japanese Ambassador to Germany, has been appointed Ambassador to the Nanking regime in succession to General Bobuyuki Abe who has resigned, according to the Wang Ching-wei "Central Press Service."



JAPANESE CASUALTY—Japanese soldier wounded in fighting during Japanese push into Indo-China is assisted by comrades. After heavy battle, French withdrew, leaving invaders to occupy area, as part of Japanese expansion plan.

Japanese Angered By Shanghai Incident

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9 (UP).—Japanese gendarmes, after negotiations which lasted an hour, this morning released four Municipal Council constables and one foreign Sub-Inspector, whom they had arrested last night after the discovery of a badly injured Chinese constable, of the Japanese controlled Government, within the blockaded western district.

The constable was suffering from severe head injuries which are believed to have been inflicted when he fell from a fast moving motor car which he attempted to stop for searching.

However, the Japanese in the first place accused the Municipal Police of attacking the injured constable, who is not expected to recover.

The blockade was tightened following the incident, but was relaxed about midnight following a house-to-house search.

Emminent Jew Rejects Favour

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Henri Bergson, famous philosopher, has refused exemption from the provisions of the French Jewish statute to which he was entitled, on the ground that he has "rendered exceptional service in the literary sphere," according to a Vichy message to the Jewish Telegraph Agency.

Bergson will thus be obliged to resign his professorship at the College de France which is the highest station of French university life.

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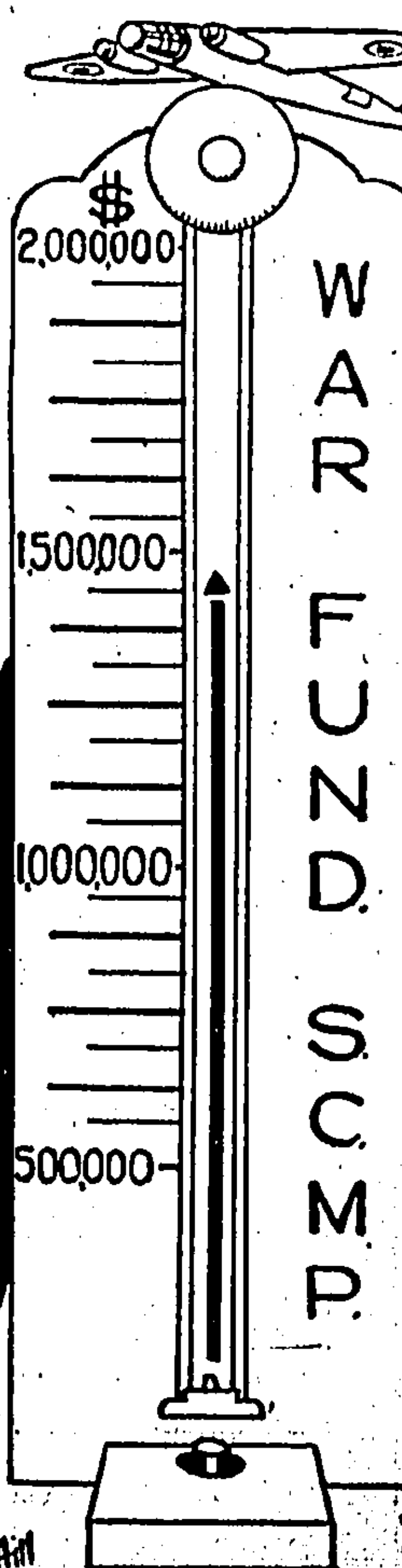
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DE GAULLE URGES BLOW FROM SYRIA & N. AFRICA

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—A chance to turn the Italian reverses into a complete rout and to win for France a "victory of the Mediterranean now presents itself to the French fleet and to French armies in North Africa and Syria, said General de Gaulle, the Free French leader, broadcasting a strong appeal from here to-night to those forces "not to miss the opportunity."

He appealed to French generals, admirals, officers, soldiers, sailors and airmen throughout the French Empire to unite with free Frenchmen and to fight on with the allies for the liberation of France.

De Gaulle said: "Events are giving a magnificent opportunity for the French Army to re-enter the war and to take part in the final victory."

"France is once more uniting secretly against the enemy and rejects co-operation with Germany," he concluded.

More Warships

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—More warships will shortly be put into commission for the Free French Navy.

These and a number of destroyers, torpedo-boats, submarines, minelayers, minesweepers and patrol boats will be inspected by General de Gaulle in naval bases in England.

De Gaulle visited the training ship used as a naval academy of the Free French fleet where future officers are trained.

He congratulated Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Navy, on the work already done and the good spirits shown by officers and crews.

British Guns Roar In Desert

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—British artillery in the Sudan hammered away at Italian positions yesterday.

Loud explosions were heard following what is described in the official communiqué as "a successful shoot" on enemy positions east of Metemma.

British guns were also active in the area north of Kassala. On other fronts there is no change in the situation to report.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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CAPTURED BY BRITISH—Major General Romolo la Strucci, left, chats with fellow Italian officers at a prison camp "somewhere in Africa," after their capture by the British in Libya.

Fighting In Hunan: South Kwangsi Base

HENGYANG, Dec. 9 (Central News).—A number of points on the Canton-Hankow Railway in Hunan, including Chuchow, Chaoching and Chuting, were bombed by three Japanese planes yesterday morning. Most of the missiles landed on open fields causing little damage.

Devastation In Kwangsi

KWEILIN, Dec. 9 (Central News).—Widespread devastation in south Kwangsi caused by the Japanese during their one year's occupation was revealed by General Huang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, who returned here on December 7 following an inspection tour.

He said that practically all houses in the hamlets and cities along the Pingyang-Nanning-Lungchow highway were a picture of desolation dotted with barren farms.

Many people have returned but relief is urgently required. A high military commander asserted that the Japanese were unable to acquire foodstuffs from the local population during their stay and they had to import not only rice and meat but also vegetables and fodder from Japan.

Attempted Landing

EAST CHEKIANG, Dec. 9 (Central News).—More than 200 Japanese were killed and several of their vessels were sunk as a result of an abortive attempt to land on the south bank of the Chientang River across

Fuyang, 25 miles south-west of Hangchow, on December 6. Altogether 1,000 Japanese took part in the attempt under a heavy artillery barrage. They were forced to withdraw after sustaining heavy casualties. Another attempt was made later in the day, but was also foiled.

Armed Junks

FOOCHOW, Dec. 9 (Central News).—Increasing Japanese activities along the Fukien coast have been reported in the past few days.

A contingent of Japanese soldiers in a steam launch and more than ten armed junks attempted to land near Lienchang, north-east of here, last Saturday, but were repulsed.

ANGLO-SPANISH TRADE PACT

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Further British assistance to Spain was announced to-day. Following the signing of a financial agreement, Britain is granting facilities for the shipment of 6,000 tons of Manganese ore to Spain 3,000 tons of which, badly needed for Spain's steel industry, will be sent from India.

The same ship has been authorised to carry a large quantity of jute for Spain.

Britain has purchased Spain's entire crop of bitter oranges and negotiations are now proceeding for a large purchase of sweet orange. Britain is also studying the possibility of making a large quantity of wheat available to Spain and it is likely that difficulties which have arisen over the export of seed potatoes from England and Elze will be overcome.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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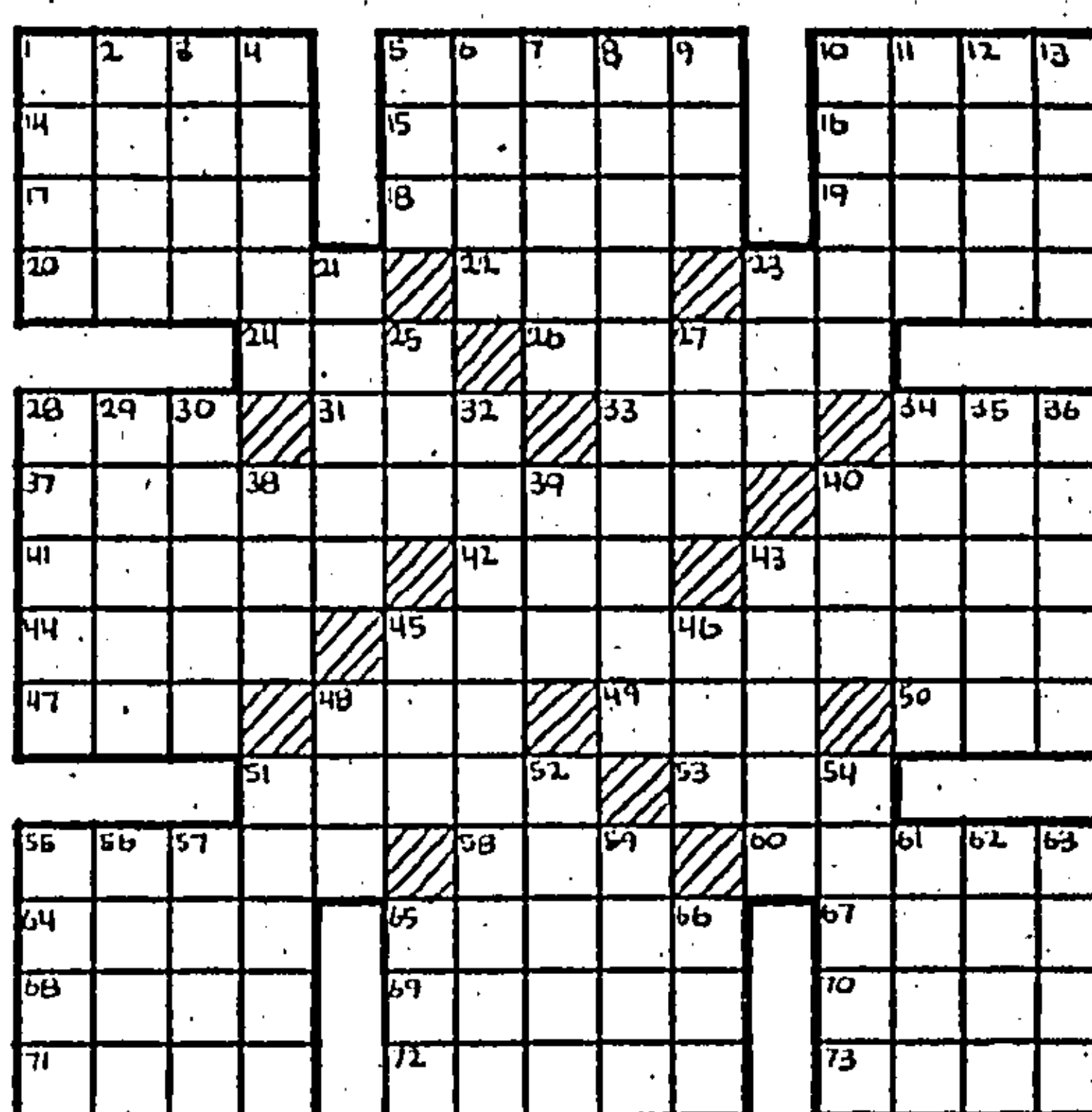
1—Put away
2—City of approval
3—Cook
4—Combining form
5—Soul
6—Enthusiastic
7—Suits at length
8—Mr. Kheyyam
9—Funeral song
10—Cherwell
11—Light horse tiary
12—Thought
13—Short swim
14—Anesthetist
15—Illegitimate
16—Force (Latin)
17—River in Switzerland
18—Paternal notes
19—Father (Hindu)
20—Path of heaven
21—body
22—Moral character
23—One who laments
24—Perjury
25—Unlucky blue-grass
26—Denial
27—Lover
28—And not
29—Openwork fabric
30—Mistake cavity
31—Copy workroom
32—Junk of battalions
33—Japanese coin
34—Terra Firma
35—Incite
36—Charger
37—Circular in number
38—Pathway

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Sleeping place
2—Railroad track
3—Colts
4—One who eats no meat
5—Unworked metal
6—Weapon
7—Tall
8—Caul
9—Worthless plant
10—Join securely
11—Tall woman's
12—Hold tightly
13—Dried grasses
14—Fruit of oak
15—Chosen
16—Shut in by arms
17—Designer of father's
18—Second wife
19—Hand of palm
20—Fate
21—Exploded
22—Legal profession
23—Pole
24—Distress signal
25—Pole
26—Dip slightly
27—Fragrance
28—Requirements
29—Feminine
30—Look amorously
31—Mixed equine color
32—Terra Firma
33—Roman emperor
34—Information
35—Ireland
36—Plant embryo
37—Waiting place
38—Spanish gentleman

DOWN

1—Locate exactly
2—County in Iowa
3—By word of mouth
4—Telegraphed



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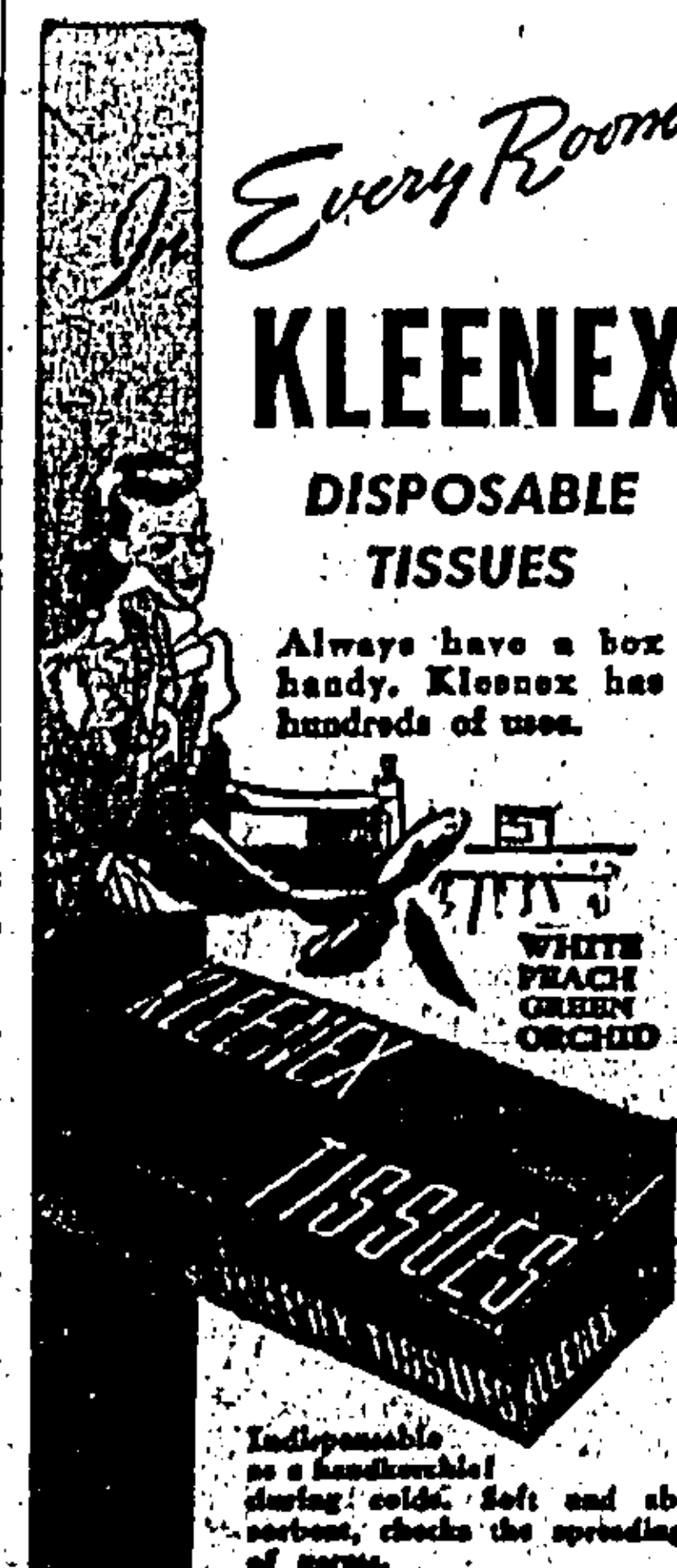
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Indo-China Frontier Quiet, Says Report

By MELVILLE JACOBY
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THAKHEK, Dec. 8 (UP).—I found Thakhek calm this morning, though Thai planes flew over us on a scouting expedition. While French military forces are continuing to change this palm-tree tropical village on the broad Mekong river into a defence sector against possible invasion.

Writing at the post office, it is possible to view, across the Mekong river, Thai rafts, entrenchments and new roads leading below to the Thailand city of Lachon which the French recently shelled. Occasionally, Thai machine-guns are landing shots on Thakhek, which is now mainly deserted.

Thai searchlights last evening began sweeping the river between the two cities. French officers, showing me the market place explained that the Thailanders are using the most modern American built planes and are machine-gunning the villages, dropping bombs by hand.

At the French Staff Headquarters somewhere in Laos, I learned that the only war with Thailand which the French officers have heard about have come from radio reports, saying the border incidents have been healed. They stated that the Thailanders have extremely good foreign equipment; however, there is a question as to how well they will use their arms. They stated there was a large concentration of Thailanders behind Lachon, lying opposite Thakhek and that they were confident at meeting any Thai invasion. The present orders "Do not fire unless fired upon" are being upheld.

Bombs On Laos

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
SAVANNAKHET, Dec. 8 (UP).—Four Thai planes dropped 10 bombs on Vientiane, capital of Laos at 4.50 p.m. to-day.

At an air base somewhere in Laos, French fliers told the "United Press" that the eight Thai planes they had encountered in recent incidents over the Mekong river were extremely well flown. They were of foreign make, but were not American Curtiss-Hawks. Experienced French fliers stated that Thai pilots flew as if they had plenty of fighting experience.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Gilling College was celebrated by alumnae of the Hongkong Branch with a thanksgiving service followed by a reception at the English Methodist Church, Wanchai, on Saturday.



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NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,340 b.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	75 n.
Chartered	7 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	25 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	73 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	185 b.
Union	305 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	150 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	33/9 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	91 b.
Docks (old)	18 sa.
Docks (new)	17 b.
Providents	5.45 1/2 sa.
Shal Dockyards	30 n.

MINING	
Kallan s/-	10/3 n.
Rauks	9 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hong Kong	3 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shal Lands Sh	11 1/2 n.
Humphreys	7.4 n.
H.K. Realities	2.60 n.
Chinese Estates	100 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	17.40 n.
Peak-Trams (old)	7.40 n.
Peak-Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	59 b.
Y. Ferries	23 b.
China Lights (old)	7 1/4 n.
China Lights (new)	6.90 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	30 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	30 1/4 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17 1/4 n.
Macao Electric (new)	16 1/4 n.
Sandakan Lights	11.20 n.
Telephones (old)	25 b.
Telephones (new)	10.10 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Caid: Macg. (Ord.), Sh.	14.00 n.
Caid: Macg. (Pref.), Sh.	12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Comments	18 b.
H.K. Ropes	7 sa.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	18 1/4 n.
Watsons	10 1/2 b. & sa.
Lane Crawford's	9 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	100 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	x.d. 37 n.
Shal Cotton Sh.	165 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	98 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	94 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5 1/2% 1925 G.S.Ds.	35 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainments	6.80 b.
Constructions (old)	1.60 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.80 s.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	7 1/4 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 b.

ASSASSINATION IN PEIPING

Many People Arrested

PEIPING, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Japanese have arrested a large number of persons during the past week in a house to house search for the murderer of a Japanese colonel last Friday. Arrests include some policemen who were stated to have been actually present at the time of the murder, according to Chinese reports. Questioned why they had not attempted to capture the assassin, the Police replied that they were unarmed and could not do anything, whereupon they were severely beaten. Some are reported to have died from their injuries.

Other Chinese quarters ascribe the unrelaxed restrictions on leaving the city to the continued house searching for the Chinese soldiers who mutilated last week, it being believed that some have taken refuge within the city.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	385
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	100
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/4
T.T. Manila	46 1/4
T.T. Batavia	43 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	147
T.T. Saigon	101 1/4
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	89 3/4
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/4
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

CELEBRATE VICTORY

Tremendous Enthusiasm Throughout Greece

ATHENS, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The victory of Argyro-Castron is being celebrated with tremendous enthusiasm throughout Greece.

Flags were hung 'out in all Greek towns. In the streets of Athens, huge crowds cheered the King and General Metaxas and, singing the National Anthem, marched to General Headquarters where in answer to their shouts, the King appeared on the balcony followed by General Metaxas.

The sirens of all ships in Athens harbour mingled with the ringing of Church bells and British soldiers marching through the streets arm in arm, were greeted everywhere by enthusiastic cheers from the crowd. General Metaxas has sent a message of congratulation to the Greek High Command.

Battle For El Bassan

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—While Athens is rejoicing over the "second Koritz," the Greek army is keeping up pressure on all fronts. Reports reaching here from the Yugo-Slav-Albanian frontier state that the battle for El Bassan was resumed early on Sunday morning with undiminished violence.

A gale and snowstorm are sweeping the mountain ranges where fighting is taking place. The Greeks advanced north of Pogradetz and are beyond Undiste, progressing in the direction of the line on the shores of Lake Ochrid. Their aim is to reach the road which passes through the Skumba valley and leads to El Bassan.

Great difficulty is being experienced in feeding the guns on the mountain peaks as, at many points, the bases are deep in snow. Italian deserters who crossed into Yugo-Slavian speak of the drooping spirits of the Italian troops in contrast to the buoyancy of the Greeks.

Soviet Appraisal

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Italy's difficulties in the war with Greece are the subject of long articles in the Moscow newspapers.

One newspaper says that there is no doubt that the Greeks have gained considerable successes and adds that the Italian aims in Greece demand a great number of men and a great deal of material. The "Red Star," official army organ, declares that the Italians encounter great difficulties in the transfer of troops to Albania and adds that the British Navy has been unable to establish control of the Adriatic owing to submarines, though it now dominates the Aegean Sea, thereby isolating the Dodecanese Islands.

CHANNEL GUNS OPEN UP

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
DOVER, Dec. 8 (UP).—German long-range guns near Calais fired two salvoes on the Dover area early this evening, breaking a three day silence. But intense bombardments were made at noon, which rocked the coast for miles. One plane was heard flying at high altitude, apparently spotting the shots.

Rumania Anticipates Mournful Christmas

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUCHAREST, Dec. 8 (UP).—Christmas will be a time of mourning in Rumania, with candles burning in homes and churches in memory of Bessarabia, North Bukovina, Cadrlater and North Transylvania.

"A Merry Christmas" on English standards has never caught on with Rumanians who, for the most part, regard Christmas as a religious holiday, and celebrate New Year's Day instead.

But the ordinarily solemn manner of Christmas this year will be even sadder in reminiscence of the loss of two-fifths of all Rumania, the political upheaval at the time of King Carol's abdication, the devastating recurrent earthquakes and the gruesome nights of terrorism at the beginning of this month.

If the average Rumanian does celebrate he will do it on New Year's Day with the national dish of sarmale, if he has the money for it.

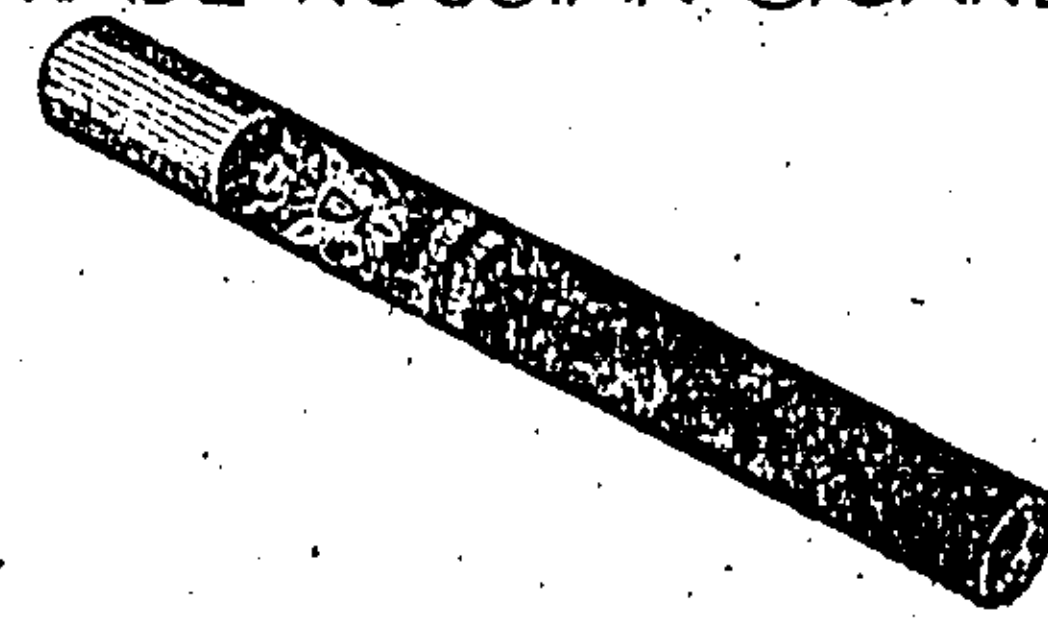
Instead of turkey or goose, the Rumanian looks to fat pork for festive dishes and sarmale—comprising ground pork and rice, spiced and rolled in sour cabbage leaves. Without this dish, New Year's Day just is not New Year's Day to the Rumanian.

But the dish promises to be considerably altered this year as rice, with its price increase of 500 per cent. since last New Year, will be missing from the tables of all but the very rich.

Captain A. C. Collinson, R.N. Commodore in charge of Naval Establishments, Hongkong is to be an additional official member of the Executive Council with effect from November 27.

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Carnarvon Castle Crew Cheered

MONTE VIDEO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Reports show that ambulances sent to remove the wounded from the Carnarvon Castle were unnecessary as the men were only slightly injured, and were remaining on board.

Captain Hardy stated that he had buried the dead at sea. It is understood that he had requested permission to remain 48 hours in accordance with International Law to carry out repairs, but Wriggway

Germany Hedging

PEIPING, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—It has been suggested in diplomatic circles that the delay on the part of Germany in recognising the Wang Ching-wei government is due to Germany's desire to use the recognition as a bargaining counter to force Japan to take action against Britain in the Far East.

naval circles are believed to have recommended permission for 72 hours. Members of the crew were wildly cheered when they went ashore.

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H.K. Water Supply

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The water returns (in millions of gallons) for last month show that the Colony's island reservoirs held at the end of November 3,779.00 m.g. as against 3,009.54 m.g. at the corresponding time last year. Last month 523.00 m.g. were consumed by 830,000 people at a rate of 20.0 gallons per head per day, which compares with 470.75 m.g. consumed by 800,000 people at a rate of 17 in November, 1939.

Mainland reservoirs contained at the beginning of December, 2,429.07 m.g. against 3,009.47 m.g. at the same time last year. During November 3,021 m.g. were consumed by 770,000 people at a rate of 15.7 gallons per head per day, which compares with 334.00 m.g. consumed by 800,000 at a rate of 12.5.

The rainfall for the year up to the end of November was 117.590 inches compared with 86.705 inches for the corresponding period in 1939.

Luftwaffe Lull Is Broken By Raids

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anged by high explosives. Indicating that the Luftwaffe is persisting in the policy of concentrating on one objective each night, only average bombing has been reported from the provinces so far, notably on one south coast town.

Nurse's Home Hit

A delayed action bomb struck the nurses' home of a children's hospital in the London area. It lodged in the basement and caused considerable damage to a nearby first-aid station but no casualties are reported.

Incendiary bombs were dropped on a convent and a vicarage but were quickly extinguished. High explosives in another district damaged a number of houses without casualties, although some buildings were entirely demolished. At one point a rafter dropped a circle of flames, and then a whole stick of high explosives inside the circle.

40 Bombs At Once

Several high explosive and incendiary bombs fell in one London district where a number of fires were started. A motorist stopped to help extinguish the fires. A high explosive bomb crashed nearby but he was unhurt. He said about forty bombs fell simultaneously, injuring several people, some of them seriously. Oil bombs struck a store nearby but all the fires were extinguished within a short time. Another bomb fell in an ambulance station in the London area.

A heavy bomb crashed into a "morts shop, the blast causing extensive damage to surrounding shops and offices. Canteens and hats from a florist's shop were scattered all over the roadway and several people were injured by flying glass. Another bomb in the same section caused minor damage over an extensive area.

Off-Convicted Thief Goes To Prison

With a Police record of 16 convictions, Wong Kam-yau, 39, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning for stealing a canvas car cover from the garage of Capt. R. S. Bourne of 146 Argyle Street.

Defendant was seen by the complainant's cook-boy carrying the cover out of the garage. The boy gave chase and arrested the man. Accused was under Police supervision when the offence was committed.

LATE NEWS

Tokyo Port To Open Yokohama Ire

TOKYO, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—Following a conference of officials and ministers of the Finance, Home Affairs, Railways and Communications yesterday, the Government has tentatively decided to make Tokyo a trade port on the basis of the harbour improvement plan approved at a meeting of harbour engineers of the Home Ministry on November 18, which was disclosed this morning.

The formal decision on the plan, it is understood, will be made at a Cabinet meeting this week if things go well.

In this connection it is stated that the government authorities will take the utmost care not to menace the prosperity of Yokohama, especially in view of the fierce opposition on the part of Yokohama citizens.

The consideration of government officials towards Yokohama is indicated in the essential features of the project.

Firstly, Tokyo will not be made an independent port but the port of Yokohama will be extended to Tokyo.

Secondly, foreign ships will enter Yokohama.

Thirdly, Japanese ships will be allowed entry to both ports.

The port of Yokohama, it is understood, will be used for foreign trade, and Tokyo for trade with countries in the yen bloc.

Mass Meeting

Meanwhile, the session of the Yokohama City Assembly which adopted the Opposition's resolution, was followed yesterday by a mass meeting of Yokohama citizens with 2,000 attendants representing all sections of the populace.

The Meeting adopted a resolution which denounces the Government plan, declaring that it may drive a million Yokohama citizens to starvation.

It is recalled that the Tokyo port trade issue has been pending since 1932 owing to opposition on the part of Yokohama.

TRAINS WRECKED BY GUERRILLAS

North China Incidents

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that in addition to the Soochow train wreck, Chinese guerrillas, during the same week, blew up five additional Japanese trains, mostly in North China.

They wrecked several scores of cars and inflicted several hundred casualties, including a small number of Japanese troops.

Travelers from Tsingtao reported an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Mayor Chao Chi on December 1, in which one of the Mayor's secretaries was slightly wounded.

H.K. Regiments To Change Barracks

The 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots will change over their barracks in the near future, the Army spokesman told the "Telegraph" to-day.

The Middlesex Regiment will move into Murray Barracks and take over the various stations held by the Royal Scots on the island and the Royal Scots will move into Nanking Barracks at Shamshulpo.

Man Cuts Water Pipes

Lee Yau, 22, unemployed, was charged before Mr. A. N. Macdonald at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with damaging waterworks at King's Park by cutting lead pipes leading to the reservoir.

Lee was further charged with breach of an Expulsion order.

Accused was seen cutting the lead pipes by a fireman of the waterworks. When arrested, a saw and other instruments were found on him. It was stated that defendant would have cut through the pipe and disrupted the water service had he not been caught.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour on the first charge and six weeks on the second, and ordered to be banished.

Pilot In Trouble Over Camera

A pilot of a Eurasia plane, Chang Wong-ko, 28, was summoned before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning for carrying a camera in Waterloo Road near York Road, which is within a protected area.

Defendant had flown to the interior of China and his wife appeared on his behalf.

Sergeant Whitley asked for a remand of 24 hours for the films to be developed.

Moved Rice Without A Permit

A fine of \$50 was imposed on Fu To-wah, 60, owner of a junk when he appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning charged with moving 120 bags of rice in the harbour without a licence from the Controller of Trade.

Defendant admitted moving the rice from Hongkong to Tain Wan.

The quarantine restrictions imposed by the port of Shanghai against arrivals from Hongkong on account of cholera have been removed.

Kind Widow Robbed

Prison For Man

What was described as a particularly mean theft from a widow was related by Sgt. Roberts at the District Office South this morning, when Lau Wai, 33, unemployed, was charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour with stealing a wooden box containing \$80, the property of Ng Au, 40, at Ha Yeung Village, on December 4.

Lau admitted the charge.

Sgt. Roberts said defendant, his wife and daughter had been staying with Ng for some months as they had no place to go. They did not have to pay any rent, and his kindness was repaid by defendant by stealing the box and money which was then handed over to defendant's brother.

Defendant was then bound and gagged by his brother, and the theft was reported as an armed robbery to the Police. Enquiries revealed that there had been no armed robbery. Attempts had been made to find defendant's brother who had since absconded.

Defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour and ordered to sign a bond of \$100 for two years. He was further ordered to repay \$80 to complainant or to serve another two months.

Fall Of Argyro-Castron

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in a cross fire and the Bersaglieri went down.

Hand-To-Hand Fighting

By LEON KAY

UNITED PRESS STAFF

CORRESPONDENT

BEUGRADE, Dec. 8 (UP).—Frontier reports stated that the Italian stronghold of Argyro-Castron fell to the Greek troops in bitter hand to hand fighting after shattering bombardments of Albania's two chief ports by squadrons of Allied bombers.

Pushing along the Din Valley without halting, the conquering Argyro-Castron, the Greeks are reported to have driven to within seven miles of Tepelini, where the hurriedly thrown up Italian defence position was, covering the Fascist retreat from southern most Albania is located.

The Greek radio at Athens broadcast a special bulletin at 6 p.m. reporting the fall of Argyro-Castron. It is reported that the port of Durazzo was blasted on Sunday by three formations of attacking planes, which bombs destroyed about one-third of the buildings of the port area.

The seaport of Lalona, 60 miles to the south, is said to have been bombed by the same planes.

On the northern front, the Greek vanguard is filtering into the Malsupati mountains and are reported to have seized the village of Ojinar, only eight miles from El Bassan.

Brilliant Siege Is Described

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and villages around Argyro-Castron. From the foothills below we watched Evzones fighting towards the centre of the town itself. Here and there was unable to intervene as the Greeks and Italians were too close together, but at 10.30 a.m. a young artillery officer shouted to his gun crew, pointing towards heavy Italian tanks advancing along the road machine gunning the hillside, apparently believing the Greeks were hidden there.

The tanks moved out of sight behind a spur of the mountain and I could not see the result of the shells which whined overhead, the explosions echoing and booming back through the valleys.

The Italian advance guards were only 600 yards from me with their machine-guns crackling.

It was not clear whether the attacking tanks came from Argyro-Castron or from three villages outside the town. Apparently the Italians had evacuated Argyro-Castron leaving a rear guard to hold up the Greek advance.

Furious Raids On Germany

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light. They said the dry-dock at Brest was also bombed.

The report also said that 15 separate fires were counted during the attack on Lorlent and one around the dry-dock, while the ship-building yards, ordnance works, and U-boat re-fuelling wharves were heavily bombed and many fires started.

Lunghai Railway

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—Train services along the 700-kilometre branch line of the Lunghai railway between Hsienyang and Tungkuang were commenced yesterday, according to the Chinese Press.

The line passes through an area rich in coal, from which the railway will obtain its supply of fuel.

Blocked Credits

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Vichy has issued a new decree making compulsory the declaration of credits blocked in 12 European countries. The decree also applies to the French Colonies.

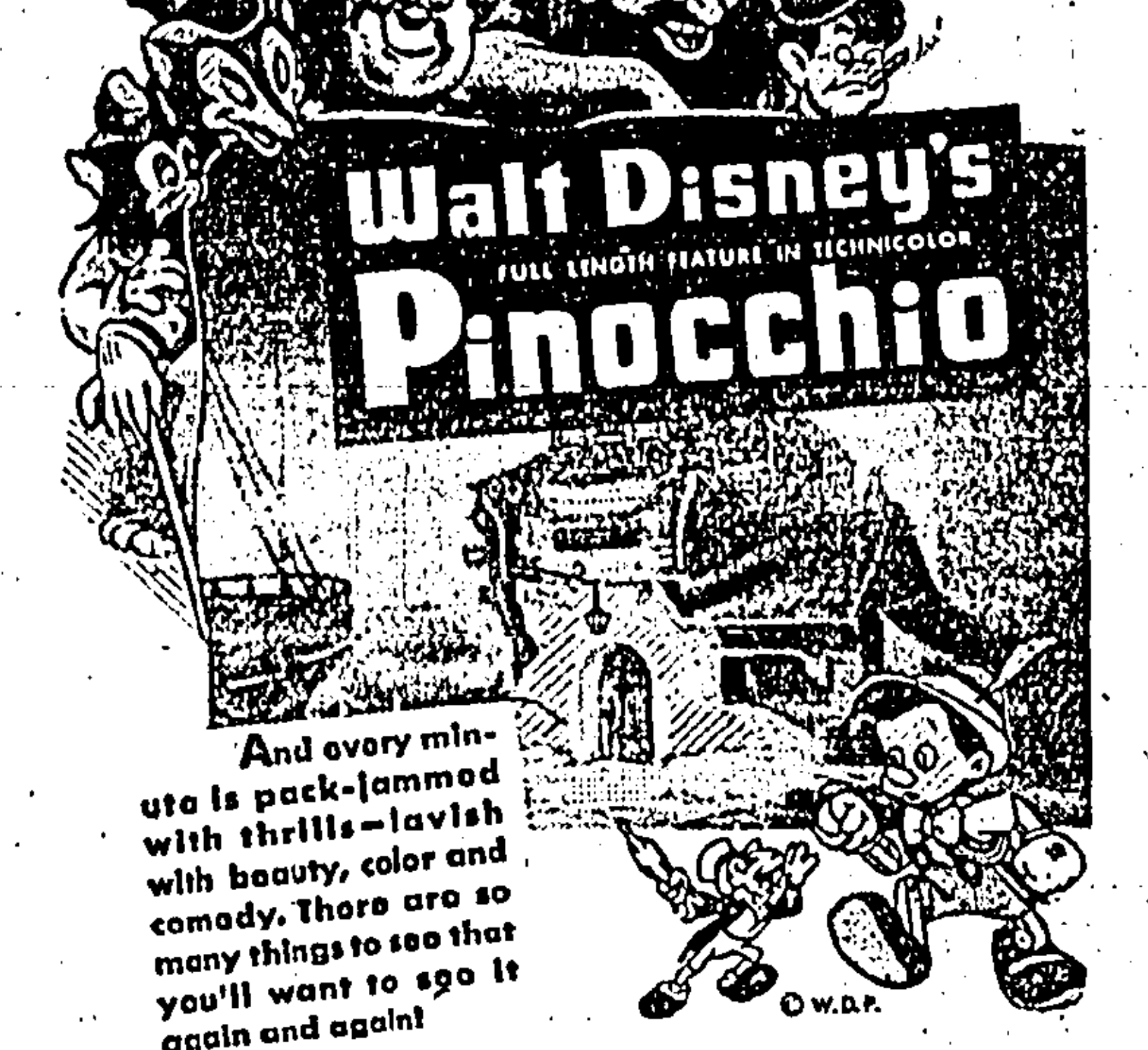
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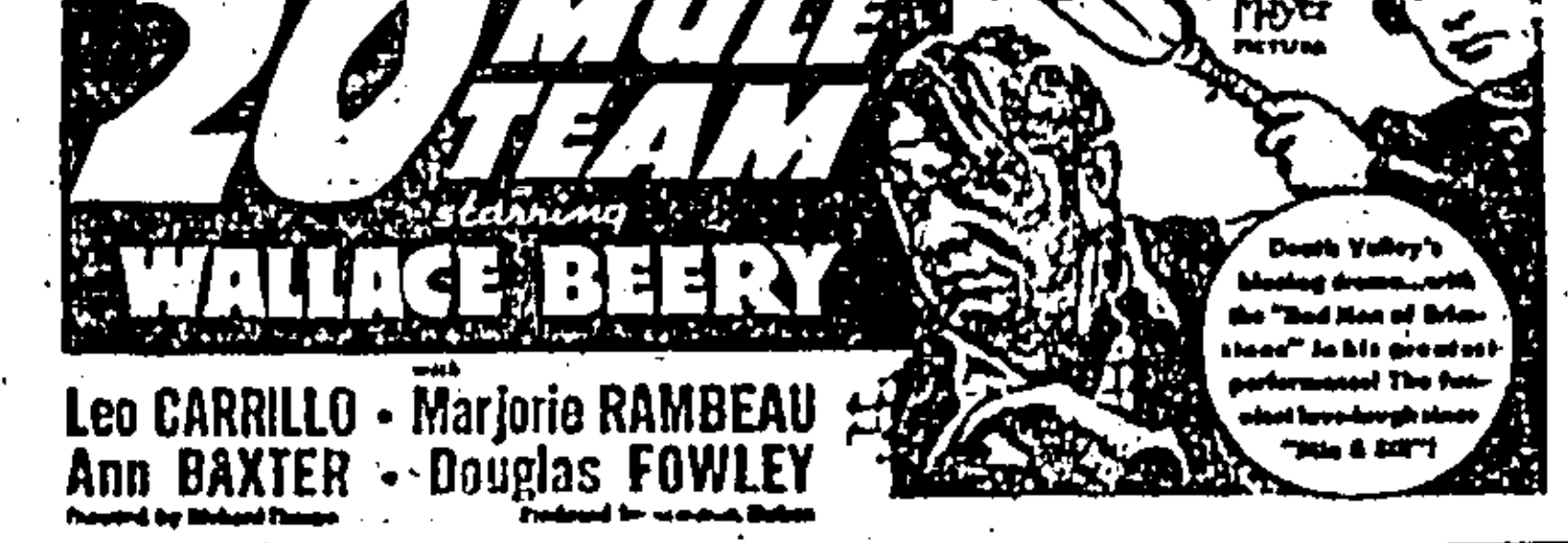
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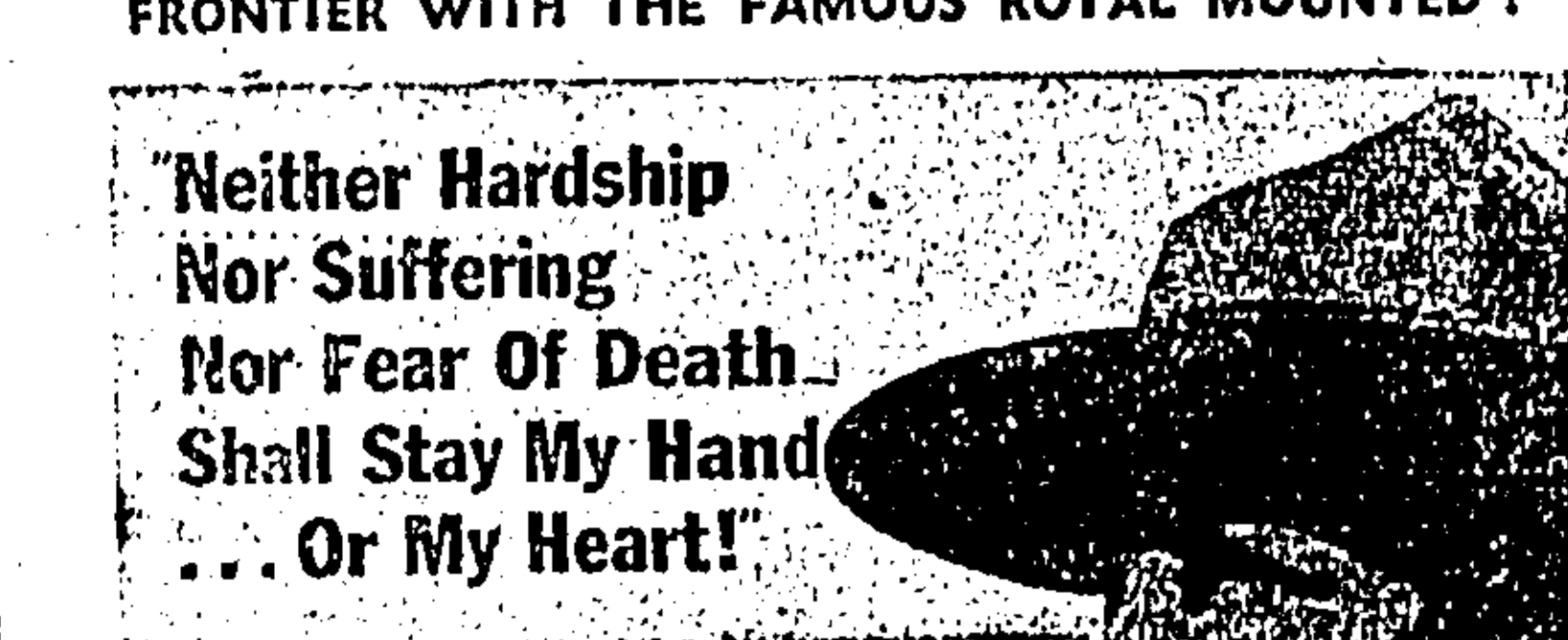
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BERLIN TRIAL—Herschel Grynszpan, Jewish youth who shot Ernst vom Rath, German ambassador, in Paris on Nov. 8, 1938, will be tried in Berlin on the charge of murdering the diplomat. Grynszpan was handed over to the German authorities on the demand of the Nazis, after the fall of France. He was 17 when he shot the diplomat.

MORE CZECHS TO JOIN BRITISH

Thirty-seven expert Czech Army armmen, all with more than ten years' experience, have passed through Bombay on their way to England to join the R.A.F. At the outbreak of war the men escaped to Poland. After Poland fell, they made an exceedingly difficult overland journey to India.

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ROOMS PROFITEERING AT OXFORD

The emergency committee at Oxford, which is going into the question of profiteering at the expense of London people who have gone there in their thousands during the past few weeks, is so concerned at the state of affairs that it is making representations to the Government for the promotion of legislation to deal with the evil.

The Chief Constable said that in one instance a rent of £20 a week had been asked for the use of two rooms. Some cases were outside the law, and it was hoped to be able to deal with these.

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R.A.F. Gives Out Secrets To Nail Lies

For the first time, the Air Ministry recently gave details of where Nazi planes were shot down, the marks they bore, and the names of their crews.

Giving these details to prove that the Germans are liars about their air losses, the Air Ministry says: "It would be appreciated that information of this nature may be of great value to the enemy, and cannot be published as a general rule."

"The German High Command communicate almost always contains an untrue statement of German air losses. Wednesday's High Command communiqué, for example, only admits that three of their aircraft did not return from Tuesday's operations. In fact, as already announced, eight German aircraft were destroyed."

"Of these, two were Heinkel 60 float planes, which were shot down in the sea without survivors."

And Six More

Details of the remaining six aircraft and marks: Place, crew, and names are: Heinkel (burnt out): Stannard Park, Stoughton, near Chichester. Crew: All killed (one only identifiable). Name: Feldwebel Ernst Ens. Ju 88 (black eagle in a red circle): Bromborough Docks, Wirral. Crew: One dead, two injured, one uninjured. Names: Leutnant Hubert Schlegel; Unteroffizier Helmut Weth; Sonderführer Horst Lehmann; Oberleutnant Helmut Bruckmann.

Me 109 (Blown up): Toolies Farm, Copthorne, Worth, Sussex. Crew: Four dead. Names: One disc No. 65,119 found.

Dornier (in sea), five miles south-east Fraserburgh. Crew: Three injured. Names: Oberleutnant Egon von Eickstedt; Oberfeldwebel Hubert Freund; Hauptmann Konrad Harbit. Me 109, figure 2 (in black), red cat with arched back in circle. At Hazle-leigh, five and a half miles east of Chelmsford. Crew: One wounded. Name: Feldwebel Paul Boche. Me 109 (wrecked), East Cliff Pavilion, Folkestone. Crew: One uninjured. Name: Oberleutnant Werner Voigt.

GREEKS GET SUGAR FROM AMERICA

Greece is reported to be importing refined sugar from the United States. United States exports of the commodity in September amounted to 8,310 tons, of which 3,968 tons were shipped to Greece.

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AXIS FLAGS—At this anti-British rally in Tokyo, Japan, sponsored by members of Tokyo Municipal Assembly, flags of Germany, Italy, and Italy, right, flank Japanese flag of Rising Sun. Speakers attacked Britain.

American Opinion On The Blitzkrieg Nazi Dictator Said To Be Desperate

"To save himself Hitler must shoot the whole works," is the comment on the Blitzkrieg by the American newspaper "Boston Traveller."

"Hitler's desperation," it declares, "his abandonment of all moral values, indicates that his own situation is extremely perilous."

FREE DUTCHMEN ARE MAKING BIG SACRIFICES

A Dutch National Institute is to be set up in London for the purpose of making known the point of view of Free Dutchmen, not only in Europe, but in the Far East and in the Americas.

The institute will operate in the same manner as the Institute of International Affairs in London, or the British Council.

Professor Gerbrandy, the new Dutch Premier, said that there were great demonstrations of national feeling in Holland on Queen Wilhelmina's 60th birthday recently.

In future the Queen's birthday will be celebrated as Holland's national day throughout the world.

Professor Gerbrandy laid stress on the great sacrifices that were now being made by Free Dutchmen. All the wealth of Holland lying outside German rule had been taken over by the Free Dutch Government, and all Dutchmen of fighting age were liable to be conscripted.

The conscription of wealth applied to Dutch companies in neutral countries as well as those in Britain.

Gift From Children

He expressed great pleasure at the recent gift of £9,000 by school-children in Pretoria. The gift was sent spontaneously by the children to the Queen of Holland, and they asked her to use it for the cause of the Free Netherlands.

Thousands of Dutchmen are giving their services to free Holland although their families are at the mercy of the Germans.

SOVIETS SPEED OUTPUT OF NICKEL MINES

HELSINKI, Nov. 29 (UP)—While the fate of Finland's nickel mines is still under discussion, Soviet Russia is speeding exploitation of her own vast nickel deposits a hundred miles from the Finnish border.

These deposits, discovered only eight years ago, are worked by tens of thousands, mining and refining the nickel of Russian Karelia.

Early in October, a large, new electrolytic plant was opened at Montchegorsk, the "Nickel Town," near Korovsk, on the Kila Peninsula. Production of nickel, already large, has since increased considerably. Montchegorsk now has 25,000 inhabitants, all workers. Five years ago the town did not exist, but was one of the many pleasant sites at the Lake Pysylschimjaur in the centre of Russian Lapland, visited only by wandering Laps with the herds of reindeer and by fishermen and trappers.

New Modern Town

In May, 1932, Russian geologists discovered rich deposits of nickel and copper in this area, and three years later General Schdanov, then Governor of this region, laid the foundation of the industrial centre.

Montchegorsk is now a modern town with electric light, public water supply, several hospitals and a wireless station. A special branch line connects the town with the Murmansk Railway.

Soviet Russia hopes to make Montchegorsk the greatest nickel centre in the world.

"Red Fleet," organ of the Soviet Navy, declares that British air power is steadily growing and that a German invasion is not possible once parity is attained.

"If Germany succeeds in winning the mastery of the air and crushing the British Air Force then the possibility of a German invasion is to a great extent assured," it says.

"But the conquest and full mastery of the air is possible only within a definite and limited period."

"If Germany does not succeed within that period and the British air fleet is able to achieve numerical equality, then any German invasion is out of the question."

Germany's chances of successfully invading Britain at the present time are very hazardous, according to an article by Major Fielding Elliot, the military expert, in the "New York Herald-Tribune."

Attack Best

The "New York Times" points out that "British bombers continue to smash at enemy ports along the Channel and North Sea instead of concentrating all their fury upon Berlin."

These raids, it adds, combined with the raids over the Rhineland and Ruhr, night after night, "offer reassuring proof, despite the raids on London, that the British have not forgotten that attack is the best defence, and British air power still has the means to hurt the enemy."

World Labour Salutes Workers Of Britain

WORKERS' organisations all over the world have sent messages to the Trades Union Congress saluting the courage and determination of the British working class to stand up to Hitlerism and "take it on the chin."

It is clear from the cables which are pouring into Transport House that the organised workers, whatever their race, creed or colour, regard London as their "home town" in this titanic struggle for decency and democracy.

Most significant of the messages received came from two United States Labour Conventions representing millions of American workers.

The annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labour sent a message of fraternal solidarity to Sir Walter Citrine, asking him to convey to the British workers "heartiest encouragement in their dauntless fight against the tyranny of totalitarianism."

"Your fight is our fight," cried the Indiana workers. "We are confident of your ultimate triumph."

The New Jersey Labour Conference wired:—

"We are thrilled at heroic and untiring struggle of British Labour against barbarous terror of Nazis. We send you our united message of fraternal sympathy in your magnificent fight for freedom and justice. We know your cause, which is the cause of free Labour everywhere, will prevail."

"With You All The Way"

The munition workers of the Government Ordnance Factory, Melbourne, wired:—

"Please send to all workers our admiration for the courage with which Britain faces the present warfare and the determination to see it to a successful finish. Keep your chin up all the way."

Citrine replied to American workers "profound gratitude" of the T.U.C. for the messages received.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30 The Comedy Harmonists. Love Me A Little To-day (Herbert & Brodsky), Congo Lullaby (Alm Sanders of the River), Whispering (Schonberger), Ten for Two (No, No, Nanette)—Youmans).

12.43 Strauss' Waltzes. Citronen Waltz, Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.

Aquarellen Waltz, Annen Polka, Irene Elsing (Soprano) with Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Compositions of Gerahwin. Summer Time (from Porgy and Bess), Anne Jamison (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler with J. M. Sanroma at the Piano.

"Porgy and Bess", Bess, You Is My Fiancée, and Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orch., Lullaby, Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Chorus & Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcement.

1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Selections from Light Opera.

"The Student Prince"—Vocal Gems (Romberg), Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

Selection (Romberg), Savoy Orpheans, "The Elbow Domino"—Waltz Song, June Knight (Soprano) with Orchestra and Male Quartet, "The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (Fraser-Simon), The London Palladium Orchestra, "Johanne"—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan), Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Old Time Variety.

The Naughty Nineties, Vesta Victoria—Old Time Medley, Old Black Joe (Stephen Foster), Campfire Songs, "The Elbow Domino"—Waltz Song, June Knight (Soprano) with Orchestra and Male Quartet, "The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (Fraser-Simon), The London Palladium Orchestra, "Johanne"—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan), Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Robinson Crusoe at the Organ. Franklyn Secorade (Lehar) The Whistler and His Dog (Fryer).

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 Selections from Well Known Ballads.

Les Sylphides—Ballet Music (Chopin), London Philharmonic Orchestra, The Swan Lake Ballet Music (Tchaikovsky), (a) The Dance of the Swans, (b) Spanish Dance, London Philharmonic Orchestra, The Golden Cockerell—The Wedding March (Rimsky-Korsakov), The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris, Danse Russe (from "Petrouchka"—Stravinsky, Joseph Seligert (Violin) with Piano, Nutcracker Suite (Tchaikovsky), Waltz of the Flowers, Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

10.0 Dance Music.

11.00 Close Down.

Madrid Dec. 8.

The American Red Cross has arranged to ship 10,000 tons of wheat to Spain to relieve the wheat shortage.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE

The Parcel Post Service to Canton has been resumed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by sea from Singapore . . . Dec. 10.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 1st and 4th December, Dec. 11.

Canton . . . Dec. 11.

Caleutta, Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London and Australia) by sea from Singapore . . . Dec. 12.

Java and Manila . . . Dec. 13.

Swatow . . . Dec. 13.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 22nd November) . . . Dec. 14.

Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 27th November) . . . Dec. 14.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 18th November) . . . Dec. 16.

London and Straits . . . Dec. 17.

Canton . . . Dec. 17.

Caleutta and Straits . . . Dec. 18.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 11th December . . . Dec. 18.

Sundakan . . . Dec. 21.

Australia and Manila . . . Dec. 24.

U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd Dec.) . . . Dec. 28.

Caleutta and Straits . . . Dec. 27.

London and Straits . . . Dec. 31.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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Monday, Dec. 9

Formosa and Dairen . . . 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Laurence Marques, East and South Africa via Durban . . . 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" . . . K. F. O.

Reg. . . . Dec. 10, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 10, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg. . . . Dec. 10, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 10, 5.00 p.m.

Straits . . . Dec. 10, 7.00 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services" . . . K. F. O.

Reg. . . . Dec. 12, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 12, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg. . . . Dec. 12, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 12, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Canton . . . 7.15 a.m.

Sundakan . . . 8.30 a.m.

Haiphong . . . 10.30 a.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" . . . G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. . . . Dec. 12, 10.00 a.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 12, 10.30 a.m.

Straits and Caleutta

Parcels . . . 10.30 a.m.

Letters . . . 11.30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 13

Straits, Rangoon and Caleutta . . . 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" . . . K.P.O.

Reg. . . . Dec. 13, 4 p.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. . . . Dec. 13, 4 p.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, and U.K. . . . G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Parcels . . . Dec. 14, 4.00 p.m.

Reg. . . . Dec. 14, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 14, 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" . . . K.P.O.

Reg. . . . Dec. 17, 2 p.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 17, 2.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. . . . Dec. 17, 2 p.m.

Ord. . . . Dec. 17, 2.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa . . . 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya . . . 8.30 a.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services" . . . K.P.O.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

December 2

November's Weather. During the first week in November, the weather was warm and unsettled, with frequent rain or drizzle, says the Director of the Royal Observatory in his monthly report.

From the 8th to the 21st it was cool and mainly sunny. From the 22nd to the 25th temperatures were again above normal, and there was much cloud and drizzle. The development of an intense anticyclone over China resulted in a marked fall in temperature on the 29th, and the last day of the month was fine and cold.

The total rainfall was 3.61 inches, exceeding the normal by 2.02 inches. The total rainfall for the year is now only 2.12 inches short of the highest annual total on record.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 46 m.p.h. at 7.47 a.m. on the 22nd.

A total of 3.07 inches of rain was recorded by the Botanical Gardens during November. Rain fell on eight days, the heaviest being on November 1, when 1.31 inches were recorded.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

"Wahoo's" Narrow Miss" reads a headline. Stencilized?

If you cannot make light of your troubles keep them dark.

Suggested slogan for B. W. O. F. Knitters: Better not knot knots.

Another Scoop: The Telegraph has had its name-plate plucked.

There are millions of people who still think the Dardanelles is a song.

"Promotion for Soddu." Lucky for him his Christian name isn't Uriah.

On St. Andrew's Day wouldn't it have been more appropriate to have placed the wreath early next morning?

A lady whose garden is not far from the Peak tramway, was overheard to remark that she did wish the tram could be pulled by horses.

The mean temperature for the month was 70.8 deg. F., which is 1.3 deg. above normal. A maximum of 84.0 deg. was recorded on the 6th, and a minimum of 55.0 deg. on the 20th, the mean relative humidity was 72 per cent. against a normal of 69 per cent.

Sunshine amounted to 156 hours, which is 31 hours less than normal.

Review Of The Principal Topics

December 1 To Dec. 7

Wednesday

December 4

Cost of Living figures. One of the contributing factors to malnutrition in the Colony is undoubtedly the high cost of living, prevailing ever since the commencement of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, and which continues to increase. From July to December, 1939, the official statistical figure of the cost of food and fuel per head per week was \$1.35, and in the first six months of 1940 it rose to \$1.77. In July last it jumped to \$2.02, and as recently as last month there was another increase, the figure then being \$2.21.

Even taking the very low "whole-sale" figure of \$1.05 per adult per week for inmates of the Government refugee camps, in a family of father, mother and three to four children, equivalent to a total of five adults in all, the expenditure on food and fuel alone would amount to \$5.25 a week.

From this it can be seen that unless something is done immediately for the large majority of the population who are on daily wage rates and casual labourers, such as by improving wage conditions or by subsidizing food staples such as rice and controlling the price of firewood, the nutritional problem in Hongkong is likely to become worse as the winter progresses.

As it is, there has already been an exceptionally heavy toll this year from Tuberculosis, a disease influenced very considerably by the nutritional state of the victim, and from Beri-beri and Pellagra, which are frank deficiency diseases.

Mystery Skeletons. The mystery of the 14 human skeletons discovered on a deserted beach outside Lyemun Pass last week was solved to-day when it was learned that the skeletons were the remains of people buried on the beach following the devastating typhoon in September, 1937.

The typhoon resulted in a junk with about 30 people aboard sinking in the vicinity of the beach. There was only one survivor. Dead bodies were washed up on the beach and buried there.

H.K. to Build 11 Ships. Eleven ships totalling over 100,000 tons, have been ordered for construction in Hongkong, and five keels have already been laid down.

The work is being shared by the Taikoo Dockyard and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

Former Resident's Death. West Hongkong defunctives at Shanghai were confronted with a mystery following the discovery of a male foreigner in Lane 59 off North Klange Road at 3.30 a.m. The man was taken to the General Hospital in an emergency ambulance, but was dead. He was identified later as J. McPartland, resident for some months at the Naval Y.M.C.A.

Mr. McPartland was well known in Hongkong, where a few years ago he had charge of a bar in Wan-chai. He was also known in the outports.

Artillery.—Skipworth: Salisbury, Mulligan, Giblin, Keeble; Richards, Wedderburn; Heath, Delderfield, McDermott, Whitehead, Bompas; Page, Smith, Edelson.

Navy.—Morahan: McGill, Smith, Dowden; O'Riordan, Rees; Longmuir, Watson, Palmer, Beattie, Taylor; Brown, King, Murray-Jones.

Small Units League. In the Small Units League, 5th A.A. defeated Medical Corps two goals and two tries (10) to nil. It was an interesting game in which the winners saw most of the ball and tossed it about attractively.

5th A.A.—Keeble, Salisbury, Bevin, Giblin, Mulligan; Pearce, Wedderburn, Moore, Page, Heath, Clegg, Mow, Clark, Mullins, Evans.

Medical Corps.—Morgan; McDonald, Coombes, Pratt, Whybro; Barclay, Scrivenes; Wigglesworth; Chandler, Milner, Mulligan, Collins, Mahon, Furnell.

Middlesex B gave a good exhibition to beat combined R.A.C. and R.A.O.C. four tries (12) to nil.

Getting plenty of the ball, Middlesex backs combined in good passing rushes. Weedon, who played a good game at centre, scored a pretty try between the posts after receiving a well placed pass from Maher. Tries were also scored by Kilmack, Gilham and Thomson.

Thursday

December 5

Rice Prices Fixed. In a Government Gazette Extraordinary published to-day, the following maximum prices of rice fixed by the Food Controller, are announced.

Grade No. 1, 15 cents per catty; Grade No. 2, 15 cents per catty; Grade No. 3, 14 cents per catty; Grade No. 4, 13 cents per catty; Grade No. 5, 12 cents per catty and 50 cents for 5 catties.

An official communique issued by the Colonial Secretariat to-day states that it is hoped that these measures for the limitation of retail prices of rice are purely temporary, in view of the fact that the wholesale price to reach him, than was expected, states to an unwarrantable level by suppliers abroad.

With a view to conservation of rice stocks here, the export of rice from the Colony is being prohibited meanwhile.

Interviewed regarding the rates fixed by Government for the sale of rice, Mr. S. Kennedy-Skipston, Food Controller, said that the price of first grade rice was \$14.20 per picul on December 2, while the price fixed to-day by Government was \$15 per picul. This figure, however, is below the price ruling during the last three days.

Chinese press reports stating that over 60,000 bags of rice are expected to arrive in the Colony from Bangkok soon.

were confirmed by Nam Pak Hong rice firms. They stated that the price of rice had already gone down slightly before the Government order came into force. This is expected to arrive during the week, and prices may, they stated, drop further with the arrival of additional supplies.

Rev. W. H. Barnes Safe. The December issue of St. John's Cathedral "Review" states that a cable has been received from the Rev. W. H. Barnes, Church destroyed some casualties stop his household unhurt.

It would seem that this was a cable sent independently. Communitarian in the following telegram, is the name of the Dean and the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church (both formerly of Coventry) was sent Mr. Barnes, who is now in the Ministry in Coventry and was formerly well known in Hongkong.

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Kwong Wah 1 Kilt Chie 1
Kowloon 0 Middlesex 1
Navy 0 Engineers 5

Third Division

R.A.M.C. 4 20th R.A. 2
International 2 R.A.F. 0
Shell 1 12th R.A. 1
35th R.A. 2 Signals 2
R.A.S.C. 0 7th R.A. 0
R.A.S.C. 0 24th R.A. 2

H.K.V.D. Promotions. The following promotions in the H.K.V.D. Corps have been approved by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, with effect from November 21.

2/Lieut. J. M. M. Alves to be Lieutenant.
2/Lieut. D. J. S. Crozier to be Lieutenant.
Company Sgt. Major F. Bret to be 2/Lieutenant.
Sgt. M. G. Carruthers to be 2/Lieutenant.

The following appointments in the H.K.N.V.F. have also been approved, with effect from November 20.

To be acting Sub-Lieutenants.—A. W. D. Sillis and D. A. Winter.

Band Concert at K.C.C. A large and representative gathering spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the Kowloon Cricket Club this evening when the Band of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, by kind permission of Lt.-Colonel D. J. McDougall, M.C., and officers, gave a concert in aid of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund.

The Band, under the direction of Hardmaster H. Jordan, A.R.C.M., went through a well-arranged programme, which included two songs—"The Song of the Vagabonds" and "Old Man River"—by Capt. T. A. Thompson (bass), a violin solo by Corporal A. Alsey, and a waltz solo by Lance Corporal R. Phillips, all being repeatedly encored.

Organised by Capt. A. C. Houghton, convenor of the Entertainment Committee of the K.C.C., the evening was in every way a great success, and it is understood that the Bomber Fund stands to benefit by over \$1,000 as a result.

Christ Church Fair: Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, a most enjoyable Fun Fair and Sale of Work, held in the grounds of Christ Church, Kowloon, to-day. The function was opened by Miss Rosamund Kung.

The stall-holders were—Mesdames Goodman and Frey (Home-made), Mesdames Peters and Knolly (Needlework and Woollies), Mesdames Gaggino and Knox (Lucky Snail), Mesdames Goddard and Perry (Flowers), Mrs. Hooker and Miss D. Lee and the Sunday School (Children's Lucky Dip).

The side-shows were under the direction of the following—Messrs. F. Abbas, J. Phillips and the Royal Scots (Darts); Messrs. D. Anderson, W. Young, A. Wong, G. Willis and Scouts (Shooting Gallery); E. A. Lee, C. Matthews and Scouts (Wimbledon); W. H. Peters, A. E. P. Guest and Scouts (Coconut Shy); A. C. Frey and T. Cheung (Aunt Sally); E. C. C. Johnson, A. E. Perry and V. Dodd (Treasure Hunt); S. Tallford and men of the Royal Air Force (Golf); Miss Penfold, W. Sue and Scouts (Putting Golf Ball); D. Passmore, E. Mok and E. Cunningham (Depth Charges); Mesdames E. A. Lee, T. Cheung, and D. Gaggino (Lighting Candles); Men of the 1st Rovers Scouts and Sea Scouts (Bowling Alley); D. Sue and W. Tso (Ice Cream).

'Erbert's Weekly Billy Do To The 'Ongkong Gals In The Antipathies

deer evacuates

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chor chase mi littel ole arnt fanny rarned the sanbags eres lookin at yer gals—ile be secin yer barrels of luv from, erbert grm.

Friday

December 6

Colony's War Contributions to Bay Canteens. Money which the Hongkong Government has subscribed towards Britain's war effort is to be diverted for the purchase of small mobile canteens for serving hot drinks and food to the people of London and other centres who have been bombed out of their homes by Nazi raiders it was revealed to-day.

The decision was made in response to a suggestion by the Secretary of State for the Colonies which read as follows:

I am encouraged by the generosity shown by Colonial Governments to suggest for your consideration a further method of helping the war effort which I hope will appeal to you particularly because of the intimate link it will create between the Colonies and the public here. Briefly, the proposal is that Colonial Governments should appropriate sum for one or more mobile canteens for serving hot drinks and food to the people of London and other centres who have been bombed out of their homes or who during the war have spent long hours in the air raid shelters and who are anxious to get away from the anxiety of their homes. The Ministry of Food are now having a message from the extremely keen to co-operate and each Mayor expressing deep appreciation of the citizens of Coventry and asking them to bear prominently the name that their grateful thanks may be conveyed to the people of the Colony for some suitable local veyed to the people of the Colony (name if preferred). All possible pub-Emire.

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The type of canteen to be used is at present under discussion. No definite plan of construction has yet been made, but the canteens will be mobile and range from approximately £185 to £1,000 dependent on the type finally chosen. If this idea appeals to you, as I very much hope it will, please let me know as early as possible and in the meantime any funds you are able to remit will be used to the best possible advantage.

Colony Acquires

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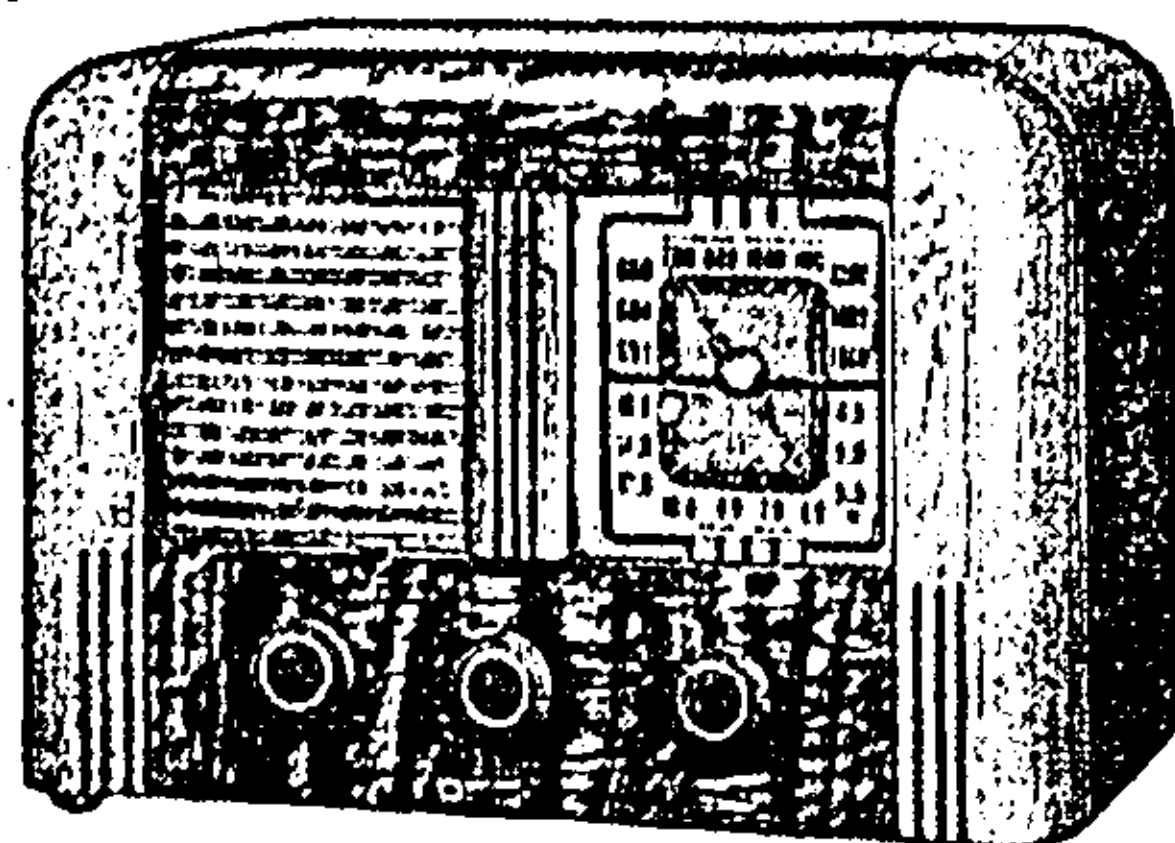
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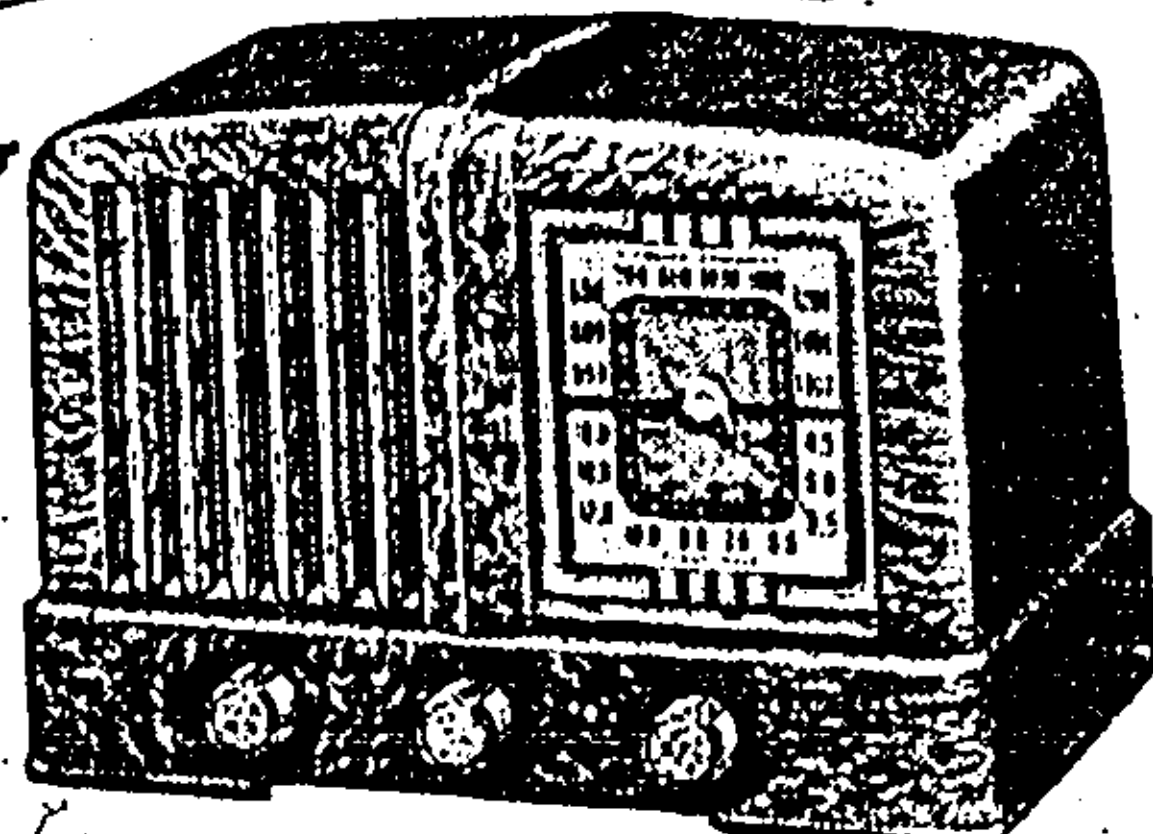
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BRITAIN'S TRADE

THE drop of nearly eight million pounds in Great Britain's export figures for October as compared with September perhaps need some clarification, especially as German propaganda has been quick to seize upon this decline as a proof that the U-boat campaign and bombing raids have been successful. The actual figures for the month show that exports totalled £23,000,000. In September they reached £31,000,000. Imports during the same period totalled £25,000,000—an increase of £23,000,000 over the figure for October of last year and an increase of £4,500,000 over September this year.

While Britain can afford to admit quite frankly that a certain percentage of the decline shown may be due to transport and port difficulties arising from German bombing, that by no means is the whole explanation. In fact, reports have clearly shown that the disruption to business caused by raids has been comparatively small. As an example, Germany claimed that Southampton had been completely devastated; that the people had fled and that it had been converted into a dead city. Yet it is known that the bus service in Southampton was functioning normally within 48 hours of the raid. Buses would hardly be operated in a city that had been "wiped out."

There are, in fact, a number of sound reasons which account for the drop in Britain's export figures for October, the first of which is the change which has been effected in customs procedure, including the abolition for a large proportion of goods consigned to the British Empire, of the system of re-entry of documents before cargoes are shipped. This change resulted in delay in making entries from which the customs returns were compiled for October, but will not recur, while the total will be rectified in the November figures. Apart from this change in procedure, a large reduction has been made in Empire imports of non-essential consumers' goods. This ban on non-essentials, while affecting export figures was made in order to release all possible resources for the war effort. Shipping has thus been made available in

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Chapter One

MARRIAGE IS THE THING

The splendid cavalcade clattering into the quiet English village of Meryton that bright May morning, rudely disturbed the sleepy tranquillity of the little town.

Two smartly liveried grooms on horseback preceded the elegant chaise drawn by four horses with uniformed men on its box. Two shining carriages, each drawn by a fine pair, carrying servants, luggage and dogs, followed in the rear.

Not that Meryton had never before seen resplendent retinues. No indeed! The furore, which shook to the depths every home that housed marriageable daughters, was caused by the occupants of the chaise, and by the reason for their arrival.

The two handsome, distinguished gentlemen who rode in the chaise had come to take up permanent residence at Netherfield Park, the finest estate in the country. Better than that—and the glad tidings spread like wildfire to every hearth—Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley were bachelors. Rich bachelors! The lady who accompanied them was Miss Bingley, who offered no complication inasmuch as she was engaged to a young man from London.

In no household was there more excitement than the Bennets'. Mrs. Bennet was beside herself with joy. And why not? What other Meryton matron had five marriageable daughters, with not a penny of dowry for any of them?

Mrs. Bennet, as would any good mother of that day when matrimony was a girl's only hope and career, pursued husbands for her five girls like a baying hound on the scent of a fox. Not all the charming wit of her eldest, Elizabeth, nor the beauty and modesty of Jane, nor the bespectacled pretensions to intellect of Mary, nor the flighty pursuit of handsome officers by Lydia and Kitty, nor the sardonic humour of her barrister husband could stay her.

Mr. Bennet's casual calm usually kept the household on an even keel. Yet, even his imperturbability threatened to break under Mrs. Bennet's barrage.

"Mr. Bennet," she stormed, "You must go over to Netherfield Park and pay your respects. If you don't, Sir William and Lady Lucas will get there before us. Her pushing way of trying to get her Charlotte married is revolting!"

"I'll tell you what I'll do, my dear," he answered blandly. "I'll send over a note assuring Mr. Bingley and Mr. Darcy of my hearty consent to their marrying whichever they choose of the girls—though I must throw in a word for my Lizzy."

"Elizabeth is not a bit better than the others!" she retorted. "Why do you always give her preference?"

"They're all silly and ignorant like most girls," he sighed, "but Lizzy has some glimmerings of sense."

"Mr. Bennet!" Mrs. Bennet's tears began to flow. "How can you be so resigned to your daughter's larger measure to re-inforcing and supplying the Middle East armies and in particular, aiding the Greeks, where the presence of men, materials, airforce and navy has been instrumental in encouraging as well as assisting that gallant people in their struggle for liberty."

ters growing up to be penniless old maids—leaving all your money to that cousin of yours—that odious Mr. Collins."

Mr. Bennet almost lost his temper. "For the thousandth time, my dear, this estate was entailed when I inherited it. It must by law go to a male heir—a male heir, Mrs. Bennet. And, as you possibly remember, we have no son."

"All the more reason why you should take some responsibility about getting husbands for your daughters," she cried. "But you escape into your unintelligible books and leave all that to me."

Certainly, Mrs. Bennet assumed full responsibility the night of the Assembly Ball, that Meryton event which marked the first public appearance of Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley. For the hundredth time, the anxious mother posed lovely Jane, admonished Elizabeth, scolded Mary and cautioned Lydia and Kitty against their preoccupation with the uniformed officers who thronged the hall.

A sigh of relief escaped her, when at last, after what seemed like hours of waiting, she saw Mr. Darcy enter the room.

To say that Elizabeth Bennet's heart didn't skip a beat would be untrue. She had too much spirit and intelligence and was too much a product of her time not to be conscious of the fact that rich, eligible bachelors were perfect grist for the marriage mill.

"What a handsome young man Mr. Darcy is!" exclaimed Mrs. Bennet.

"And doesn't he know it?" Elizabeth observed with a mischievous smile.

"I like Mr. Bingley better," Jane mused. "Mr. Darcy's so—so—"

"So supercilious," Elizabeth finished. "But he does have an air about him."

Jane's eyes grew suddenly bright. Sir William was heading directly for them with Mr. Bingley in tow. Mr. Bingley was promptly presented to the Bennets and quite as promptly asked Jane to dance. As they moved toward the floor, Lydia danced by with a handsome officer. "Lizzy!" Lydia shouted. "This is Mr. Wickham. He wants to meet you. He thinks you're a lovely creature."

Elizabeth flushed at her sister's boldness, but bowed smilingly to Mr. Wickham who acknowledged the introduction with a gay laugh. Elizabeth then turned to greet her friend, Charlotte Lucas.

"Have you no partner for this dance, Lizzy?" Charlotte asked banteringly. "Well, neither have I."

"Shall we brazen it out in the open?" Elizabeth laughed. "Or shall we go into hiding? I know of a good place."

"Lead on," Charlotte lamented with mock seriousness, and the two girls made for a small alcove off the ballroom.

As they sat down, out of sight, Darcy moved into view and lounged disconcertingly against the wall. The dance over, Bingley joined him.

"Come, Darcy," he remarked. "I hate to see you talking about by yourself in this stupid way. Why don't you dance. The place is full of pretty girls."

Elizabeth and Charlotte, hidden in the alcove, but completely within hearing of the conversation, exchanged glances.

"I've only seen one—and you've monopolised her," Darcy replied. "Isn't Miss Jane lovely?" Bingley said happily. "But there's that

sister of hers—Miss Elizabeth. They say she has a lively wit."

"A provincial young lady with a lively wit!" Darcy exclaimed. "Heaven preserve us! And that mother of hers—"

"It's not the mother you have to dance with, Darcy," Bingley interrupted. "It's the daughter. She's charming."

"Oh, I admit she's tolerable enough—considering the class she comes from," Darcy shrugged as they started to move away. "But I'm in no humour for low life this evening."

Elizabeth rose from her chair and peered out after them. "Well—what a charming man!" She

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set her mouth angrily and fanned herself to cool her temper.

"You mustn't be offended, Lizzy," Charlotte consoled. "He didn't know you could hear."

"What difference does that make?" demanded Elizabeth furiously. "It's not my hearing that matters—it's the fact that he said it! The complacent, self-satisfied arrogance of the man! Oh, it makes me so angry!"

A young man advanced and claimed Charlotte for the next dance. Elizabeth took a seat along the wall. In another moment, Sir William approached with Darcy.

"Miss Elizabeth," beamed Sir William, "may I have the honour to present Mr. Darcy? He is eager to invite you to dance."

Darcy smiled at her. "Now that you have been forewarned of my eagerness to dance with you, may I hope you will do me the honour?"

Elizabeth smiled back coolly. "I'm afraid the honour of standing up with you is more than I could bear, Mr. Darcy. Pray excuse me."

He stared at her in amazement. "Are you saying you don't care to dance with me, Miss Bennet?"

Elizabeth's smile gave way to stony pride. "I'm begging to be excused, sir."

"It's my loss, I'm sure," he answered coldly.

"You perhaps know best about that, sir," was her calm rejoinder.

At that moment, Mr. Wickham, Lydia's officer, appeared. He greeted Elizabeth, then turned to Darcy with smiling good humour. Darcy stared at him, his face darkening.

"Mr. Darcy," said Elizabeth, "may I present Mr. Wickham?"

"Mr. Darcy and I have met before," Wickham said casually. "Darcy, making no movement of salutation toward Wickham, bowed stiffly to Elizabeth and walked away."

She stared after him, astonished and incensed by his manner. "The man must be mad," she said.

"Mad?" Wickham smiled. "You're too charitable, Miss Elizabeth. If you were better acquainted with him, you would see another man."

"Have you known him a long time?" she asked in amazement.

"Since childhood. But, as you saw, we're not on friendly terms. You see—well—my father was steward of the Darcy estates."

Elizabeth blushed for Darcy's snobbish pride. "Without knowing anything more, I'm on your side," she cried.

Jane, meanwhile, was glowing with the delight of being presented by Mr. Bingley to his sister.

"When one's accustomed to the fashionable world of London," Miss Bingley remarked, then stopped with an elegant, deprecating gesture. "Frankly, Miss Jane, you strike me as the only civilised person in the room."

"Oh, you're unfair to the others," Jane protested.

Miss Bingley patted her arm patronisingly. "Sweet child. What a charming disposition. You must come over to Netherfield one day. I shall be so bored, you know, marooned out here in the wilderness. We'll arrange it, shall we? Very soon?"

What happens when Jane visits the Bingley estate? Will Elizabeth see Darcy again? Read tomorrow's chapter.

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But let the Government not stop
there. It should at once proceed
to re-examine the situation as a
whole and devise means to en-
sure that in future prices will
not have to be pegged any
higher than they are.

Distress, widespread as it is, would only be made the more severe if, through lack of foresight and preparation, any real increase in the cost of rice imports should result in the fixing of new maximum prices, thus passing the burden back upon the suffering poor. If cheap rice can be guaranteed only at financial loss, then Government should be ready to meet it with taxpayers' money, and taxpayers, I am sure, would be willing to face sacrifice.

It may be that the Sino-Japanese war has lasted too long to command more than the ordinary interest of the average newspaper reader; ever spectacular events do not seem to be impressive. Whatever the reason, the recent Japanese operations in Hupeh and the successful Chinese counter-measures do not appear to be so generally talked about as other similarly significant moves in the past. Taichewang exploded the myth of Japanese invincibility and gave China new hope; the latest Hupeh battle, in which the Chinese ran rings round their adversary, is the fulfilment of that hope.

"Ran rings round their adversary" is right, too. The Japanese, who have always fought according to the book and never with much ingenuity or resourcefulness, once again tried their much-touted pincer movement. The Chinese anticipated the whole tactical design, and cleverly manoeuvred themselves so that the Japanese had nothing worth while around which to close their pincers. It was the Japanese who were surrounded.

There has been a paucity of news about this battle, but there seems to be no doubt that the Chinese have scored a victory sufficiently effective to prove that the hope engendered at Taichewang was based on something solid. The Hupeh battle is not the end of the war; more battles, perhaps, will still have to be fought; but henceforth, confidence will do much to help Chinese arms and hasten the day of reckoning for Japan.

General Li Tsung-jen, the genius of Taichewang, has scored another brilliant success. One of the "Big Two" of Kwangsi, he has shown that he and General Pai Chung-hai more than earn the trust reposed in them by the Central Government and the Chinese people.

Are the people who give news to reporters more modest nowadays, or less sure of themselves, or are reporters getting their information from other than properly authoritative sources and attempting to hide this fact? In any event, I notice that, in other countries as well as in Hongkong, anonymity holds sway.

Speaking as an ordinary newspaper reader, my favourite character nowadays is either "Government spokesman" or "Leading authority." I am not sure which. "Military expert" comes in for a favourite place.

"Leading authority" scored very heavily the other day. He declared that the figures of non-combatants killed in recent raids on London are small compared with the total civil population or with the losses of the fighting services in this or the last war.

To reach that conclusion, it is necessary to be a leading authority. No ordinary person would ever suspect such a thing.

Then there is a "high official" who says that "there are only two alternatives before the Italians—to retreat or to fight on."

There are also "Government circles."

How lucky we all are, to be surrounded, hedged in and propped up by so many cohorts of brilliant—but mysterious—chatterboxes!

—Claudius

JAPAN INSPIRES BRITAIN AND CHINA TO PARALLEL POLICIES

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Central News).—There is every indication here that Britain is keeping close parallel with Washington in her China policy, in view of the fact that Japan, by concluding her belated tripartite alliance, has declared her readiness to help her Axis partners to crush Britain.

It is unbelievable that the British people, now under the terrific German air blitz and the threat of invasion, will forget the significance of that act or allow themselves to be deceived by Tokyo's blandishments that the alliance is not directed against Britain and America.

Hitler's chariness in conceding to Japanese domination over the Colonies of the defeated European countries is reported to have arisen from the fact that Tokyo has so far contributed nothing substantial towards bringing the downfall of Britain. The refusal of M. Molotov's to be ejected by Berlin into concluding non-aggression pact with Tokyo at China's expense is of considerable significance in the Far Eastern situation. The Soviet stand has the effect of preventing Japan from extricating herself from China without loss of face, and secondly from securing her northern rear and releasing the Kwantung army now tied up in Manchuria, and thirdly, from embarking upon her southward adventure.

GERMAN BROS. ARGUED AS PLANE FELL

This is the story of two German brothers, who set out to raid England in the same aircraft. One of them is dead, the other a prisoner.

In one of the mass raids by the Luftwaffe over the Thames Estuary area, their machine was badly damaged. It meant a forced landing.

Below them was a village. One brother, desperate to strike a last blow for the Fatherland, decided that the best thing they could do was to crash their machine into it.

The other refused to take civilian life so wantonly. He saw a clear field ahead, and wanted to risk a landing there. As the plane fell lower, the two brothers argued.

But the one who had some little decency held out. He would not crash the plane into the village.

So the other, as well as the third member of the crew of four, jumped with their parachutes.

The plane crashed just beyond the village.

Fighting In Hunan: South Kwangsi Base

HENGYANG, Dec. 9 (Central News).—A number of points on the Canton-Hankow Railway in Hunan, including Chuchow, Chaoching and Chutung, were bombed by three Japanese planes yesterday morning. Most of the missiles landed on open fields causing little damage.

Devastation In Kwangsi

KWEILIN, Dec. 9 (Central News).—Widespread devastation in south Kwangsi caused by the Japanese during their one year's occupation was revealed by General Huang Hui-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, who returned here on December 7 following an inspection tour.

He said that practically all houses in the hamlets and cities along the Pingyang-Nanning-Lungchow highway were a picture of desolation dotted with barren farms.

Many people have returned but relief is urgently required.

A high military commander asserted that the Japanese were unable to acquire foodstuffs from the local population during their stay and they had to import not only rice and meat but also vegetables and fodder from Japan.

Nazi Treaty With Iran

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (UP).—A trade agreement between Germany and Iran was signed on Friday providing for "the finding of quotas for the exchange of goods, between Germany and Iran during the next treaty year."

The official communique did not give the details of the pact which was signed by Hamid Sayyah, Director General of the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

The China Clipper has been delayed by mechanical trouble on Wake Island and is not expected to reach Hongkong until to-morrow.

The Clipper will leave again on December 11.

Laval Berlin Visit Off

Not Unexpected

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Berlin announcement that M. Laval's visit to the German capital will not take place was not unexpected.

Over a week ago it was reported that Marshal Petain had stopped the plans for the visit on the ground that Laval could only agree to concessions to which Petain and the rest of the Cabinet could not.

The London "Sunday Times" today says that it is clear that in his negotiations with Laval, Hitler toyed with the idea of getting France as a partner in Italy's place. Up to a point, Italy's failure is Laval's opportunity but Laval's opportunity does not go beyond a certain point because French faith in Britain is steadily recovering and neither France nor Italy are likely to be impressed at Hitler again employed in a game of double-crossing.

ANGLO-SPANISH TRADE PACT

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Further British assistance to Spain was announced today. Following the signing of a financial agreement, Britain is granting facilities for the shipment of 5,000 tons of Manganese ore to Spain 3,000 tons of which, badly needed for Spain's steel industry, will be sent from India.

The same ship has been authorised to carry a large quantity of Jute for Spain.

Britain has purchased Spain's entire crop of bitter oranges and negotiations are now proceeding for a large purchase of sweet orange. Britain is also studying the possibility of making a large quantity of wheat available to Spain and it is likely that difficulties which have arisen over the export of seed potatoes from England and Eire will be overcome.

ROLLING STOCK SHORTAGE

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—German plundering of France's rolling stock has led to most of the transport difficulties Vichy is always talking about. A Vichy broadcast today urged industrialists not to delay in the handling of rolling stock.

There is to be a premium for handling rolling stock on Sundays and holidays.

The broadcast said that transport was the key to France's problem of food supplies and raw materials but did not mention that Germany has seized over half of France's rolling stock.

Sacrifice Sunday In Germany

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Today in Germany is "Sacrifice Sunday" when the German people were pressed to contribute to the Winter Help Fund which has been a regular feature ever since the Nazi Party came into power. Ostensibly money collected on "Sacrifice Sunday" is intended for the poor and the destitute but many Germans have remarked that no balance sheet is ever published and the public is not told what happens to the collections. The fund is administered exclusively by Nazis.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FUND FOR BOMBERS

A total of \$1,400,714.36 and 23 (Australian currency) was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post Ltd., with the following donations:

Three of the Chinese Staff of W. & A. (November) \$ 12
Tattnoe Dockyard, "Bare Gear and Scrap" (Feb. donation) 10.85
P. R. Chicken Feed (weekly donation) 36.50
Cheero Club (sale of old tin, etc.) 5
Cheero Club ("The Odds and Ends" (Nov. donation) 15
Harbour Office Nickels and Dimes (weekly donation) 14.50
Well Wishers' (Nov. donation) 23.00

CHILD PROTECTION

The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children announces the following donations collected during the week ended December 7:

Anonymous \$ 11; \$250; Mr. & Mrs. A. R. H. Phillips; \$100; Prof. Walter Brown, 840, Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd.; \$25; The Staff & Agency force of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.; \$25; Mr. L. N. Ryan; \$25; Mr. & Mrs. K. C. Tsang; \$10; Mr. L. S. Webb; \$10; Mrs. H. M. Wood; \$5; Mr. S. Jarvis; \$5; Mr. E. Kara; \$5; Miss G. E. E. \$5; Total \$2,000. Further donations will be gladly accepted by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. McKellar, c/o Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., P. & O. Building.



JOHN ROOSEVELT SIGNS—John Roosevelt, 24, youngest son of the President, registers for draft at Nahant, Mass. Teachers acting as registrars draw lots for privilege of filling out his card. Miss Mary Shea, right, won.

Americans Are Proud Of English Blood

IN this war nations may remain neutral; but the people of those nations do not, said Miss Dorothy Thompson, the American publicist, in a talk which was recorded in London and broadcast. "You, fighting there on the British Isles, are fighting not only for the security of all free men, but for all our dreams of a better future," she said.

"And you will win this war. You will win it because, although England can lose a war, mankind cannot lose a war."

"The world isn't going to live on Hitler's terms. In all your distress and suffering be sure of that. The world knows its enemy."

"Over here we are a mixture of races. Few of us have thought to recall our English blood, but to-day we are proud of it. We brag of it." Miss Thompson said that while the whole world was struggling towards a better life, there was a reaction that we had not used our resources as we should have done.

Must Right Wrongs
"We all have bad consciences. We all know that it is a crime that in the Twentieth Century, and before this war began, men and women should be unemployed, or living in slums, and badly fed and inadequately clothed."

"The democratic world is paying for its complacency about these things, and Hitler knows how to exploit our bad consciences."

THE IMMIGRATION LAW

The following communique to the Press was issued by the Colonial Secretary on Saturday:

"It is notified for general information that Government do not propose to bring the Immigration Control Ordinance, 1940, into force earlier than January 14, 1941."

Malaya Wants Reserves Of Anti-Malaria Drugs

Interruptions in the delivery to Malaya of supplies of quinine and certain synthetic drugs have prompted the Malaria Advisory Board to advise estate agencies of the necessity of building up reserve stocks.

At a recent meeting of the Board, a member stated that the delivery to Malaya of supplies of quinine and synthetic drugs had been interrupted during the past few months.

The position so far as quinine supplies for use on estates and mines was concerned could be rectified by their hospitals and dispensaries laying down a year's reserve supply.

There was still time to do that, and in order to expedite action the Board could usefully circulate estate agencies on the question.

Some co-ordinating central organization responsible for giving manufacturers sound information as to supplies required in Malaya seemed not only desirable but important.

For the purpose of estimating those requirements it was necessary to draw attention to the fact that drugs of the atebria class were used not only in the treatment of malaria but for its prevention.

That was an important point because, although a reasonably accurate estimate of the quantities required for treatment could be made from official statistics of malaria admissions to Government and estate hospitals, it would be much more difficult to estimate the amount used prophylactically.

The Senior Malaria Research Officer stated that he had been informed that the Adviser, Medical Services, was making inquiries as to the stocks of anti-malarial drugs available in the country.

He understood that considerable stocks were held by the State Medical Department and that had been confirmed by the State medical and health officers. Regarding quinine, nine-tenths of the world supplies came from the Netherlands Indies and a large stock was also held in India.

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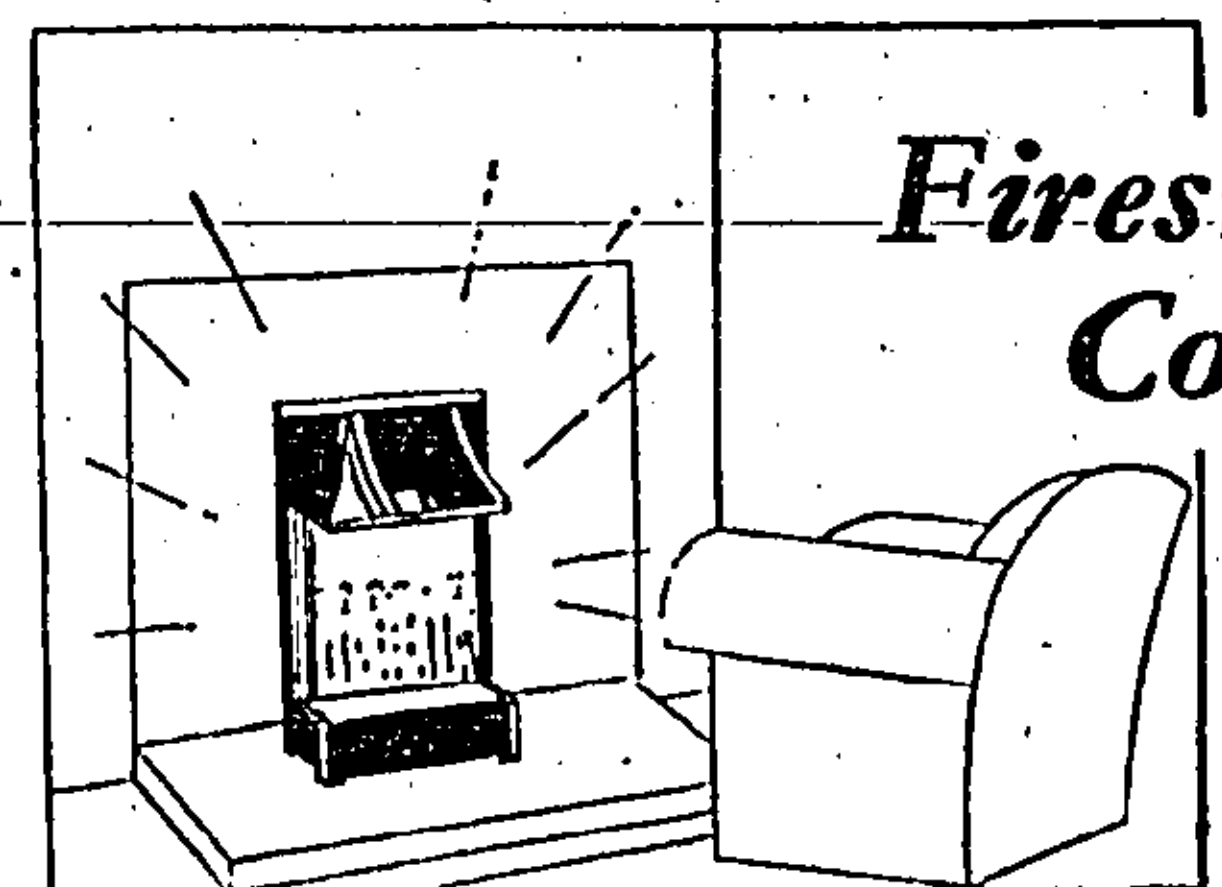
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

SING TAO AVERT DEFEAT WITH LAST MINUTE GOALS

Eastern Forwards Thrill Record Crowd: Defence In Great Form

(By "SCRAMBLER")

IN A THRILLING encounter before a record crowd for a local league game at Caroline Hill yesterday, Eastern and Sing Tao played a drawn game of two goals all, each scoring in each half of the game. It was a match where the defences were most to the fore, and Eastern had a lot to be thankful for, for if their rearguard had not come up to expectation towards the end of the game, Sing Tao would have snatched a last minute victory.

The game was fast and furious right from the start. Eastern got off to an early goal, for right after Cheung Wing-choi made two spectacular saves in quick succession, one from a free kick taken by Hsu King-seng and the other from Hsu King-tau from close quarter, Lee Tin-sang miskicked to allow V. K. Hyui to follow up to net from close in. Less than three minutes later Eastern increased their lead for from a foul against Lee Tin-sang, Hsu King-seng took the kick just outside the area for Hsu King-tau to push the ball into the net from close range.

Play thereafter developed into a defensive game for Sing Tao. Eastern inspired by a two goal lead kept pegging away, and it was the magnificent goal keeping of Cheung Wing-choi that kept the score down. At this stage Hsu Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang were doing great work also.

A REJUVENATED TEAM

After the interval, it was a rejuvenated Sing Tao team that took the field, and had they swung the ball around a little more they would have been rewarded with at least one goal. As it was, they persisted in a series of short passing bouts that got them nowhere. On the other hand Eastern were inclined to take matters easy, and indulged in too many childish pranks, Hsu King-tau being the chief offender.

Play was very even, and Sing Tao had more of the ball than their opponents, but passes often went astray, and again it was the defence that took the eye. Cheung Wing-choi saved on several occasions by his clever anticipations, and at the other end, his opposite Lau Hin-hon was also called upon to clear his charge. Several attempts at goal by the Sing Tao's forwards went wild either through hefty kicking or too much close passing.

Six minutes from the end, Sing Tao obtained their first goal, for after a series of attacks that had Eastern confined to a defensive game, a corner taken by Lau Tsuman was cleverly headed into the net by Kwok Yung-ke.

Spurred by this goal, Eastern were given a grueling time, and again after many attempts at goal Sing Tao drew the equaliser, as after Lau Hin-hon effected an easy save from Lai Shui-wing, he threw the ball out to his men only to see Fung King-cheung snapping it up to tap it into the right hand corner of the net. Prior to this Lai Shui-wing had a glorious chance of scoring, but in steadying

himself, he allowed Yim Sze-nam to put him off.

FORWARDS v. DEFENCES

On the whole a draw was a fair reflection of the game, for during the first period it was Eastern that dominated the attack, and in the second, Sing Tao came back into the picture and gave their opponents a hot time.

It was the superb goal keeping of Cheung Wing-choi that saved Sing Tao from a heavier defeat. This keeper was way ahead of Lau Hin-hon, and gave a very fine performance. The latter was inclined to hang on to the ball, and it was from his throwing same away when pressed that the second goal was scored. Eastern's pair of backs, Kong Sing-king and Yim Sze-nam, the latter a new comer played a very steady game, their combination was better than Hsu Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang. Hsu Yung-sang did not appear to be comfortable against the nippy Hsu King-tau, perhaps it was due to Leung Wing-chiu giving this winger too much rope. With the exception of the miskick, Lee Tin-sang gave his usual performance.

The intermediate trio of Lau Tai-chang, Hsu King-sing and Ng Kee-cheung were better than Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing and Tsui Ah-fai as a combination. There was more harmony and cohesion in their play than in the opposite trio, for they had their work cut down to a great degree by clever positionings and anticipations. Soong Ling-sing as an individual played as well as could be expected, and most of the work fell on his shoulders, for with Tsui Ah-fai as a complete failure as a wing half, and Leung Wing-chiu inclined to playing as a second pivot, he had to shoulder their responsibilities.

VIRILE FORWARDS

Eastern's quintettes of Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K.

KWONG WAH OUT-PLAY CLUB IN CHARITY MATCH

IN A game that was devoid of science and skill, Kwong Wah obtained their first full two points on Saturday at Boundary Street Ground at the expense of the Club by the odd goal in seven. The game was played under the distinguished patronage of H. E. Major General A. E. Grasett, the proceeds of which were for the fund in aid of The Hongkong Refugee & Social Welfare Council.

Club gave a very poor display. With the exception of Strange and Eardley in the defence and Fowler and Bickford in the forward line, the rest of the team did not come up to expectation. There was a complete lack of understanding among the players, and Odell in goal was disappointing, being shaky under pressure and lacked confidence.

DEFENCE DEMORALISED

Kwong Wah's defence was inclined to too much individualistic play, and the bustling methods of Fowler were somewhat demoralising to them. Lee Kwok-kee gave a very polished display between the sticks, and the goals scored against them were not his fault. In the forward line, Cheuk Shek-kam, Chin Chi-lun and Wong King-chung combined to a nicely, and there was always more danger from these three when they got going.

Chin Chi-lun opened the scoring for Kwong Wah's account when he dashed to put the ball ahead as Odell was waiting for the approach of the ball. This score soon levelled as from a corner kick Fowler headed in from a pass by Bickford. Fowler scored a fine goal just before the interval.

KWONG WAH IMPROVE

After the lemon, Kwong Wah improved whereas Club fell badly away. After a short attack Cheuk Shek-kam equalised with a fine goal and immediately from the restart Lau Fook-chuen after evading two players passed the ball to Chin Chi-lun who made no mistake about scoring. Still pegging away, Kwong Wah made matters certain when Wong King-chung scored into an empty net after Odell had left his charge. Fowler reduced the arrears towards the end thus bringing off his "hat-trick".

Kwong Wah: Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fal-lum, Leung Pak-wah; Lee Wah-chi, Cheung Kim-fai, Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fai, Chin Chi-lun, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong King-chung. Club: Odell, Strange, Eardley, Skinner, Upton, Gow, Gratton Scott, Fowler, Bickford, Hopkinson.

Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hsu King-tau were always dangerous on the move, and it would be hard to single out any of these five for praise. Hsu King-tau once again with his opportunism scored a nice goal, and his speed and deceptive swerving had the defenders guessing time and again. Tsao was another player that worked hard and got his men together.

Sing Tao's forwards were not very much at home in the first half, for they found the constant close attention of the intermediate trio much to their dislike, especially the watch kept over their wizard, Fung King-cheung by the pivot Hsu King-sing. The inside trio did not strike up an understanding till late, and when once they got going, their close passing bouts lost them the match. Passes, as was stated, to the wings often went wide. Lau Tsuman sent across many nice centres and on the whole played quite well, but the same could not be said of Tang Kwong-sum.

Eastern: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king, Yim Sze-nam; Lau Tai-chang, Hsu King-sing, Ng Kee-cheung; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao, Hsu King-tau. Sing Tao: Cheung Wing-choi; Hsu Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing, Tsui Ah-fai; Tang Kwong-sum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Yung-ke, Lau Tsuman.

WELL CLEARED!



Relieving pressure during the Kwong Wah-Hongkong F.C. First Divisional League soccer game at Boundary Street on Saturday. The proceeds from this match were devoted to Charity.—Ming Yuen.

Lawn Bowls

St. Andrew's Society Beat St. George's

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY recorded a win over St. George's Society in the annual lawn bowls match played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday. Six rinks took part, and the final scores were 153 shots to 96.

Week-End Cricket Honours List

Batting

K. Y. Tam (University)	100*
J. F. Lawrence (H.K.C.C.)	100
F. E. Lawrence (C.S.C.C.)	72
W. H. Colledge (C.S.C.C.)	40
G. Hong Choy (H. K. U.)	40
K. R. West (H.M.S. Tamar)	40*
*Not Out.	

Bowling

G. Asome (St. Joseph's), 6 for 45	
J. Macaulay (D.B.S.), 7 for 14	
A. E. Carey (Police), 5 for 23	
Lockhart (R.A.F.C.), 5 for 32	
L. Remedios (Schools), 5 for 33	
Brown (School), 5 for 35	
G. Sousa (C.C.C.), 5 for 63	

Cricket

Kowloon C. C. Easily Beat Army XI

IN AN ALL-DAY cricket match at the Kowloon Cricket Club, Army were beaten by the home side by seven wickets in a low scoring game. Army batted first, and following an early collapse, J. Webb and A. Thorpe came together, and it was mainly through their efforts that even 92 was reached.

Steady contributions from Kowloon's first four batsmen gave them victory.

Bowling honours were shared by F. R. Zimmerman, 4 for 32, and E. Curtis, 3 for 21.

Army				
C. Logan, c E. C. Fincher, b F. Zimmerman	0	2	1	0
J. F. Lawrence, lb.w. b Lloyd	0	1	21	0
F. Bateman, run out	0	1	21	0
J. Webb, c Hapley b Anderson	0	1	27	0
A. Thorpe, not out	0	1	27	0
D. C. E. Groves, b Curtis	0	1	27	0
L. J. R. Fielden, b Curtis	0	1	27	0
G. Denyer, b F. Zimmerman	0	1	27	0
W. French, c Curtis b F. Zimmerman	0	1	27	0
H. A. Fergus, b F. Zimmerman	0	1	27	0
R. Bailey, lb.w. b Curtis	0	1	27	0
Extras	0	1	27	0
Total	0	1	27	0

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. R. Zimmerman	10	1	32	4
Lloyd	8	1	21	3
Curtis	4	1	21	3

Kowloon

D. J. N. Anderson, c Logan b Fergus	15	0	1	0
B. Hong, c Thorpe	15	0	1	0
F. F. Fincher, lb.w. b French	15	0	1	0
N. A. E. Mackay, not out	15	0	1	0
Extras	15	0	1	0
Total	15	0	1	0

Three wickets for F. R. Zimmerman, E. C. Fincher, W. L.

H. K. S. R. A. "A" Win K. O. Y. L. I. Polo Cup

H.K.S.R.A. "A" convincingly secured the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry polo cup when they beat the H.K.S.R.A. "B" by 12 goals to two in the Cup final at Boundary Street on Saturday.

His Excellency, Maj-Gen. A. E. Grasett was among the large crowd of spectators.

Lucky Cash Sweep Numbers At Macao

Results of the cash sweeps for yesterday's meeting of the Macao Jockey Club were:

Race No. 1.

No. 65	\$247.00
" 421	70.00
" 107	35.00

Unplaced ponies (\$7.00 each): Nos. 172, 423, 126, 236.

Race No. 2.

No. 240	\$259.50
" 173	74.10
" 469	37.10

Unplaced ponies (\$20.50 each): Nos. 20, 212.

Race No. 3.

No. 00	\$291.10
" 107	63.10
" 159	41.00

Unplaced ponies (\$23.10 each): Nos. 140, 4.

Race No. 4.

No. 106	\$204.40
" 222	58.40
" 164	20.20

Unplaced pony (\$32.40) No. 435.

Race No. 5.

No. 18270	\$8,074.43
" 1224	2,478.40
" 4209	1,230.20

Unplaced ponies (\$123.17 each): Nos. 21067, 10739, 13036, 1743, 9109, 22581, 11306, 18376, 10013, 13016, 5244.

Race No. 6.

No. 76	\$204.00
" 177	63.00
" 140	42.00

Unplaced pony (\$23.30) No. 117.

Referees' Assn. Annual Dinner

The Hongkong Football Referees' Association held their Annual dinner on Saturday night at the Hotel Cecil. A large attendance was present, which was presided over by Mr. Hugh A. Beard.

In the course of his toast to the Hongkong Football Association, Mr. Minihon stressed the fact that at no time was a better harmonic relationship existing between them and the Association than at present, and any rumours which they hear are not only baseless but groundless. After dinner entertainment was provided in the form of a concert.

"A" dominated play from the commencement, and throughout maintained an excellent standard of play. Against such opposition, "B" strove hard but were unable to produce form capable of holding their opponents. In contrast to "A's" superb management of the ball, "B" were, on occasions, surprisingly poor.

"A" team maintained their brilliance throughout the match. Not even when they were comfortably established did they relax. Six of their goals were scored by Lt. B. R. Smith, who was remarkably accurate. Smith opened the scoring in the first chukker, and this was followed by one from Major W. Wilson. Major R. Penfold obtained possession from the throw-in and cantered down field to record the third and finally Smith following Penfold in a fine run secured the fourth.

LEAD REDUCED

CAPT. A. ATKINSON, who was playing a great game for the losers, reduced the lead in the second chukker, and at the beginning of the third notched another, but "A" were on the mark again and through Wilson and Penfold, four further goals were chalked up.

Thus leading by six clear goals in the final chukker, Smith came into his own and tallied all four goals of that period for the winners. The teams were:

H.K.S.R.A. "A"—Lt. L. Fielden, Major R. Penfold, Major W. Wilson and Lt. R. B. Smith.
H.K.S.R.A. "B"—Capt. H. Duncan, Major C. Fisher, Capt. J. Munro and Capt. A. Atkinson.

PRIZES PRESENTED

Following the game, the prizes were distributed by Mr. W. T. Stanton who was thanked by Lt. Fielden.

Subsidiary Cup

FIRST GAME of the afternoon was one between Middlesex Regiment and Fixed Defences for a "Subsidiary Cup", and this was won deservedly by Fixed Defences by four goals to nil.



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Hapley, N. D. Lloyd, S. A. Gray, and E. Curtis, did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fergus	1	1	24	1
Thorpe	1	1	14	1
French	1	1	14	1
Denyer	1	1	20	1
Fielden	1	1	20	1

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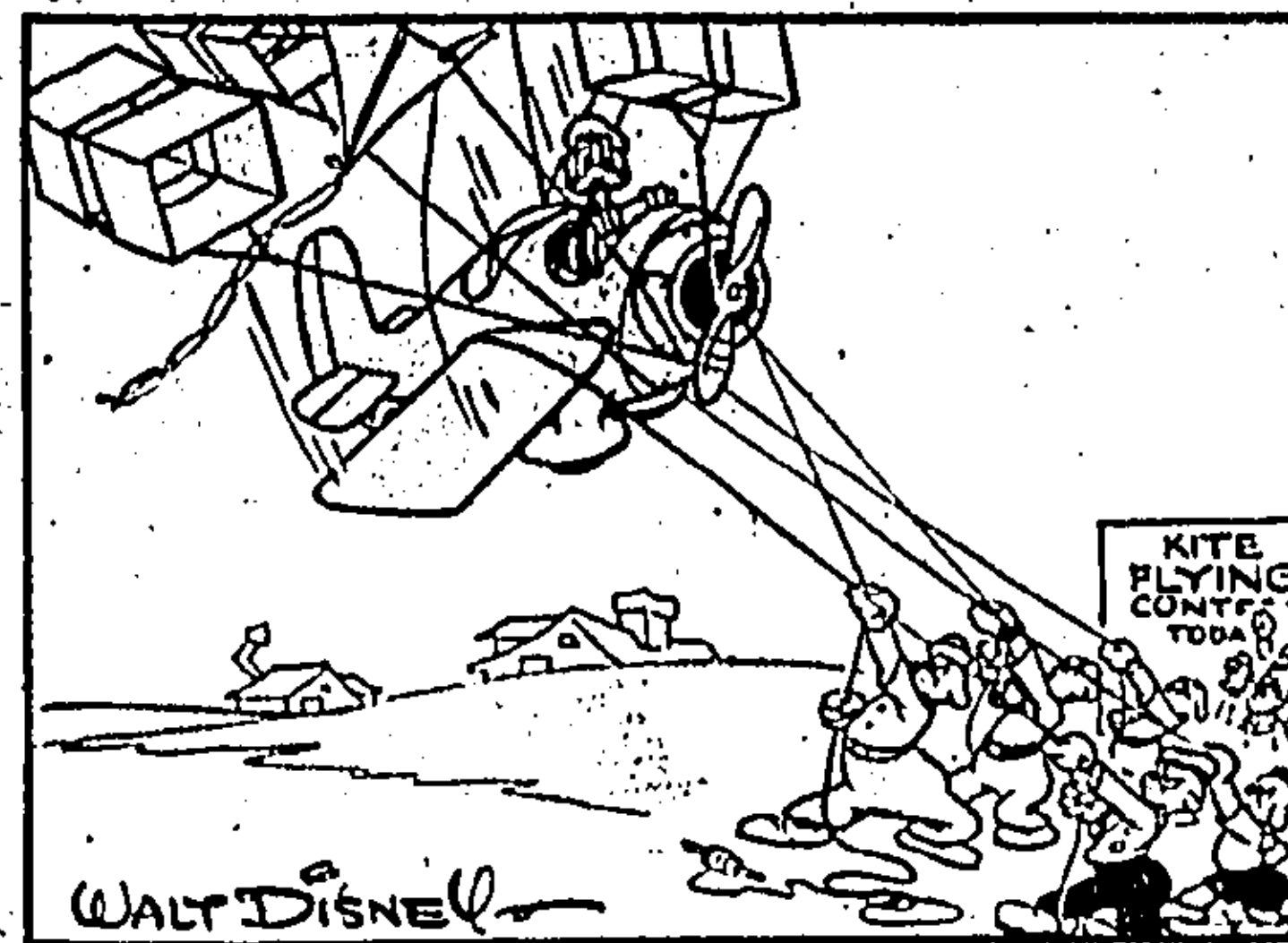
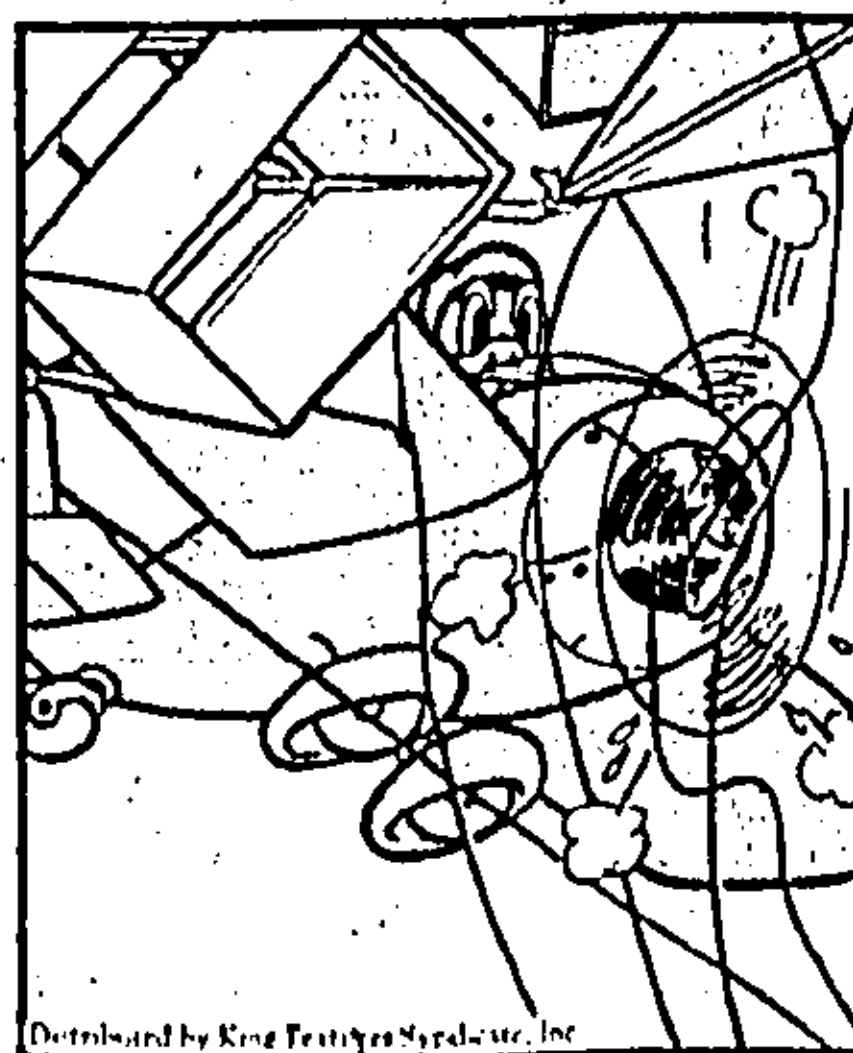
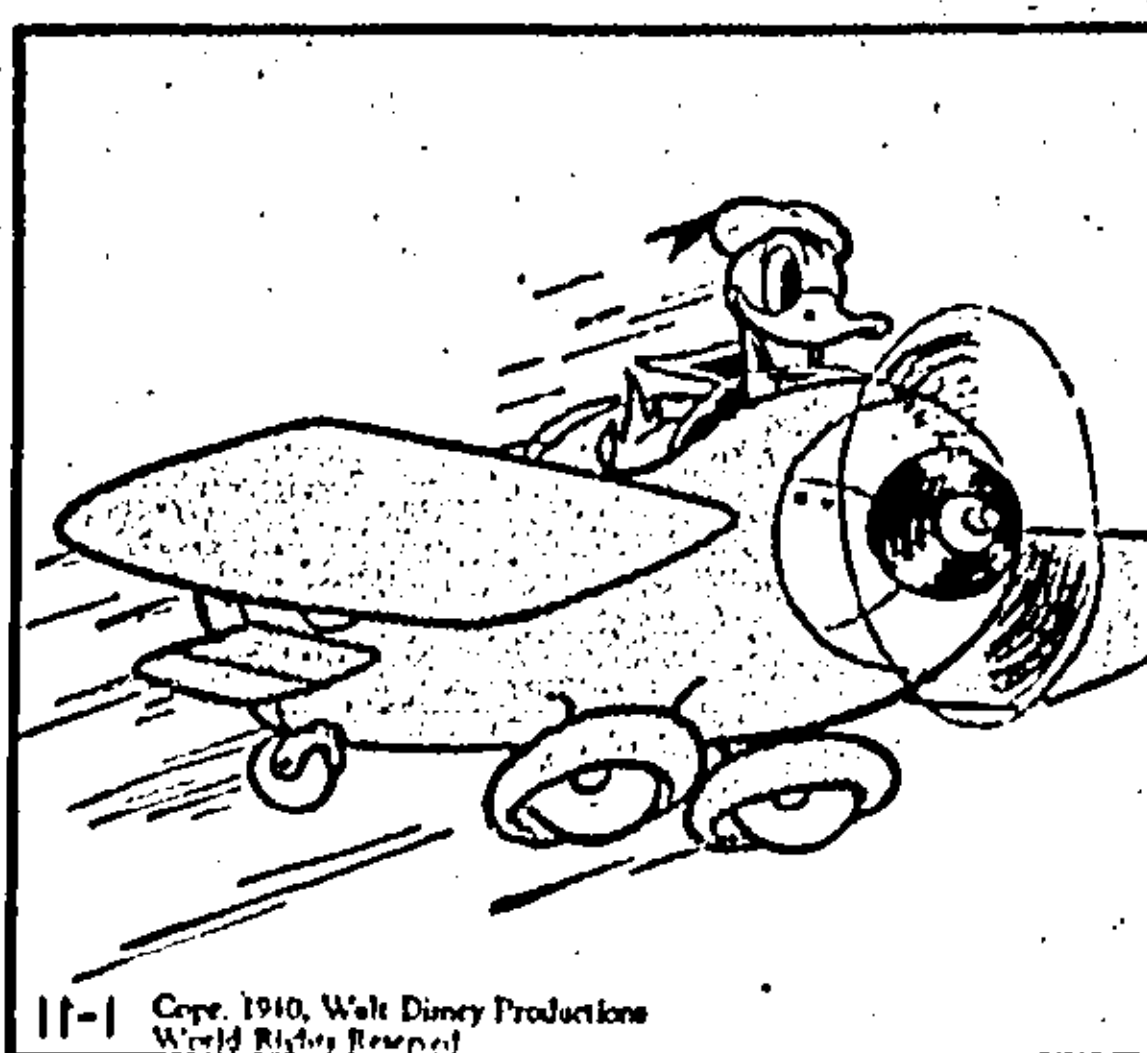
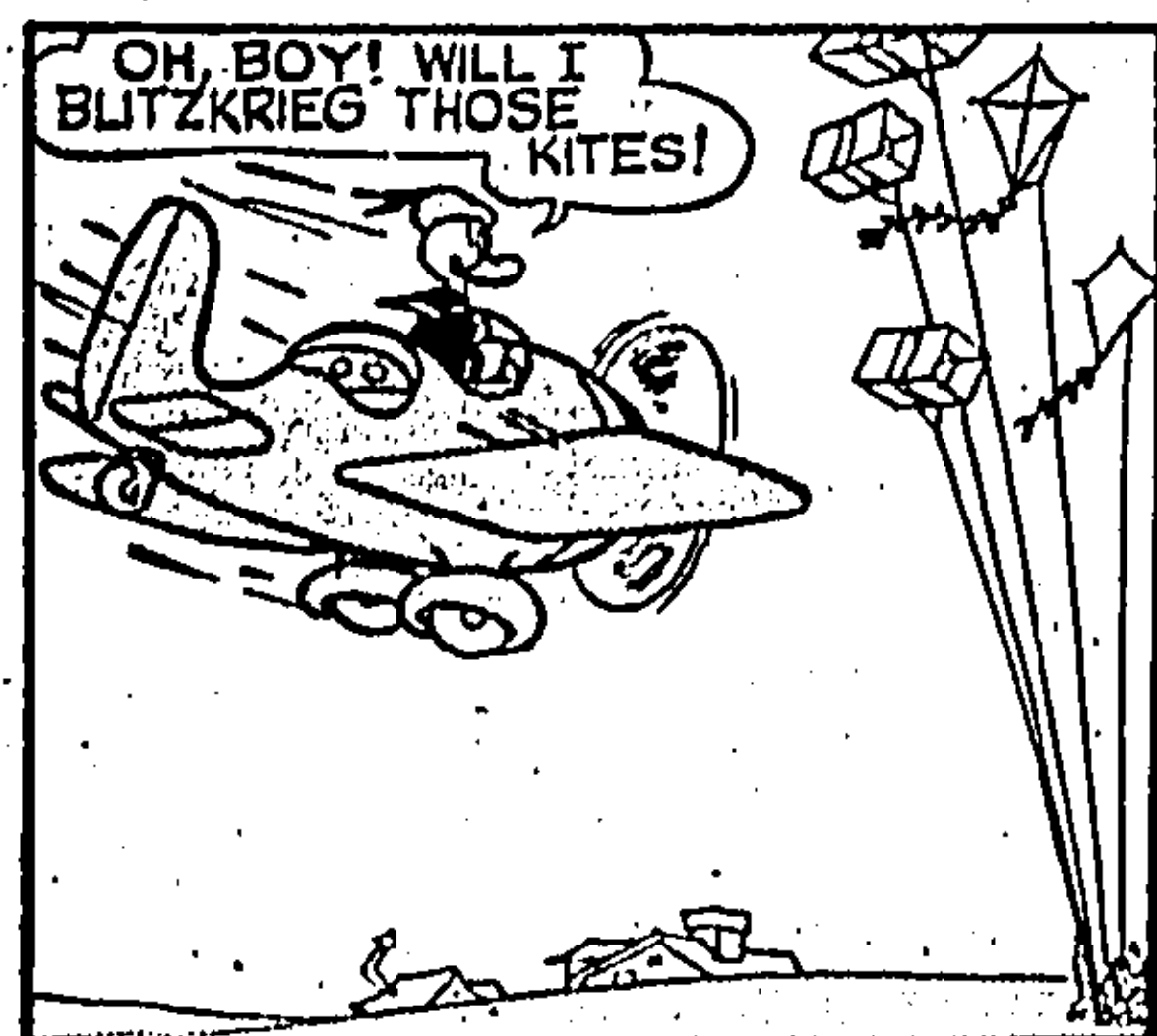
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Anglo-Chinese Treaty Reported By Japanese

Preparing For War In Far East

A Domei message from Shanghai states that reliable Chinese

sources have revealed that negotiations for a secret Anglo-Chinese military pact are proceeding in Chungking between the British Ambassador to China and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

It is reported by Domei from Hanoi that the entire staff of the Thai Consulate at Saigon has left for home, after closing its doors last Friday, and that all Thais have evacuated Indo-China. It is also reported that Thai troops twice crossed the Indo-China border on Friday and attacked Polpet, in Cambodia, which town was also machine-gunned by low-flying planes.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Reliable Chinese sources here revealed that negotiations for a secret Anglo-Chinese military alliance are now going on in Chungking between General Chiang Kai-shek and the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr.

These sources said that the provisions of the proposed military alliance would include, firstly, that Britain shall assist China in transporting war materials and other important goods from India, Burma, and Singapore; secondly, that aircraft assembly plants shall be set up in India, Burma, and Singapore from which aeroplanes of the latest type shall be supplied to Chungking; thirdly, that overseas Chinese in the South Sea region and native populations in British colonies shall be induced to support military co-operation between Britain and China, while their manpower and resources shall be mobilised in case of emergency; and fourthly, that land and air forces under Chiang Kai-shek shall fall under the command of Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Far East, in case of Britain declaring war on Japan.

Observers, however, are sceptical whether the British Government, as well as the peoples in the British possessions in East Asia, would support the military alliance as allegedly planned because it would make all British possessions in the Far East "the enemy land of Japan." Domei.

Talks in London

Chungking, Dec. 7. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador, has made a series of calls on Lord Halifax, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. C. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, and Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor

of the Exchequer, in the past week. While visiting Sir Kingsley last Thursday, the Ambassador was accompanied by Dr. P. W. Kuo, newly appointed Vice-Minister of Finance of China.—Central News.

Border Crossed

Hanoi, Dec. 7. Thai troops yesterday twice crossed the Indo-China frontier in Cambodia and attacked Polpet while low flying Thai planes machine-gunned the town, it is reported. On the same day, Thai planes also bombed Vientiane. However, the Indo-China forces made no attempt to counter-attack.

It is learned that the Indo-China authorities worried over the cable connections with Bangkok as the situation between the two countries continues tense and as the undersen cable via Singapore is believed to have been severed since no response can be obtained.—Domei.

Thailand Evacuate

Hanoi, Dec. 8. Reflecting the continued tension between Thailand and French Indo-China, the entire staff of the Thai Consulate at Saigon has left for home, after closing its office on December 6, while all Thai residents throughout Indo-China are reported to have already completed their evacuation.—Domei.

New Tokyo Demands

Chungking, Dec. 7. Japan is demanding the employment of Japanese nationals in the Government of French Indo-China including the Departments of Finance and Communications and the Army office, the Ta Kung Pao reports today. The newspaper adds that the Governor of Indo-China, Vice-Admiral Decoux, is referring the demands to the Vichy Government for consideration. The newspaper also states that the Japanese are endeavouring to take over the administration of Police.—Reuter.

BAND CONCERT

Entertaining Evening
At K.C.C.

A large and representative gathering spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday when the Band of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel D. J. McDougall, M.C., and officers, gave a concert in aid of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund. Organised by Capt. A. C. Haughton, convenor of the Entertainment Committee of the K.C.C., the evening was in every way a great success, and it is understood that the Bomber Fund stands to benefit by very nearly \$1,000 as a result.

The wedding took place at the Registry on Saturday before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar, of Mr. Liang Shung-cheng, the well-known jockey, and Miss Alice Jo Ho, daughter of Mr. Ho Wing-sang, comrade of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., at Tsingtau. The honeymoon will be spent at Macao.



JAPANESE CASUALTY—Japanese soldier wounded in fighting during Japanese push into Indo-China is assisted by comrades. After heavy battle, French withdrew, leaving invaders to occupy area, as part of Japanese expansion plan.

Beaverbrook Libelled

Adviser To China Bound
Over In England

London, Dec. 8. At the Hampshire Assizes, Ernest Frank Jones, described as a monetary scientist, who was former Adviser to the Salt Revenue Administration of the Central Chinese Government, and claimed that he had been appointed economic adviser to the Chinese Government, was bound over for five years on three charges of publishing a defamatory libel on Lord Beaverbrook.

The prosecution stated that the libel, which were sent on postcards through the post, were so utterly ridiculous that it was not suggested they did any particular harm.

It stated that Jones was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in the last war, and the Judge in binding him over, said that he had remembered the services the accused had rendered to his country in the past. He added, "I am disposed to think that study of financial problems has bemused your mind"—Reuter.

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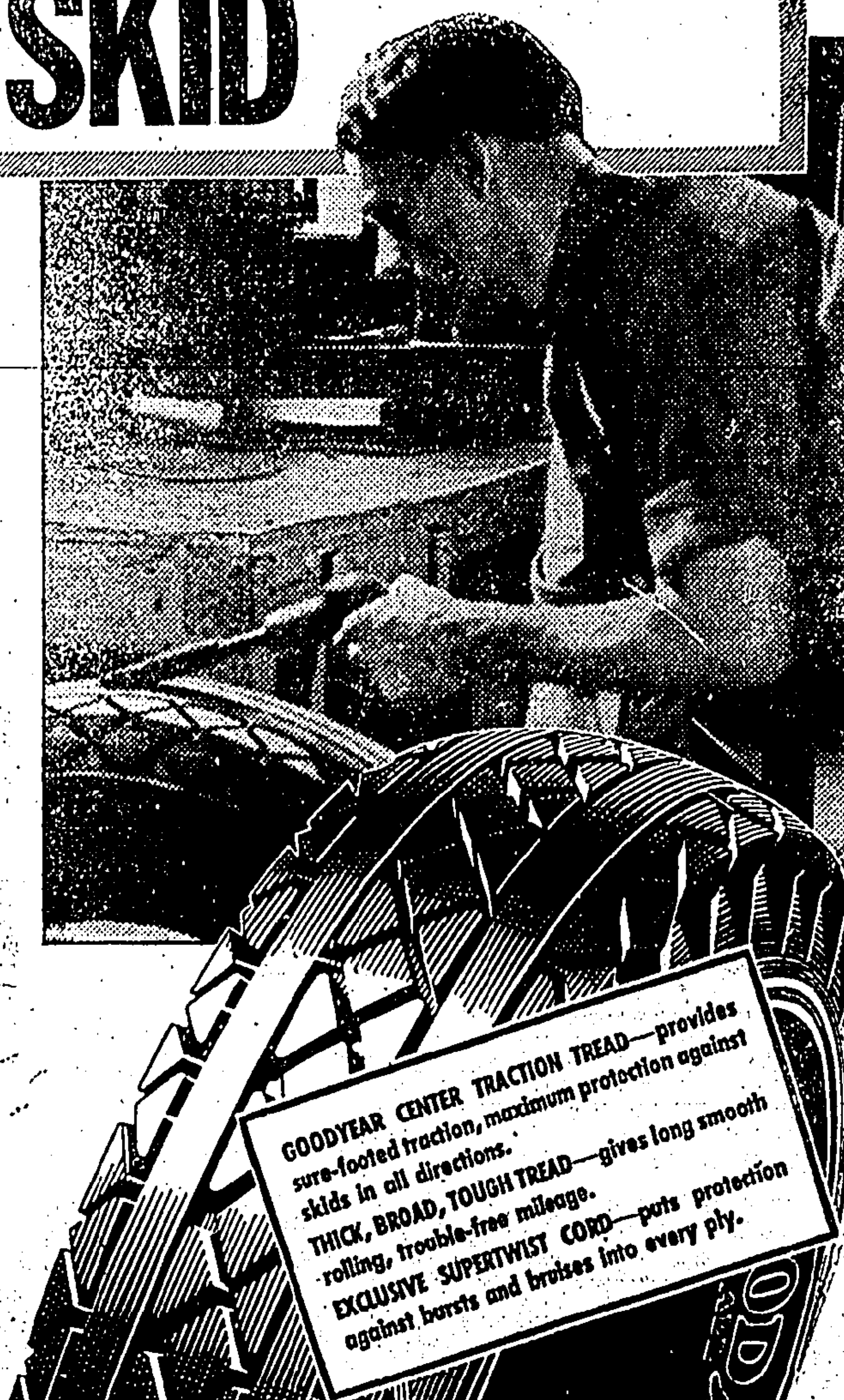
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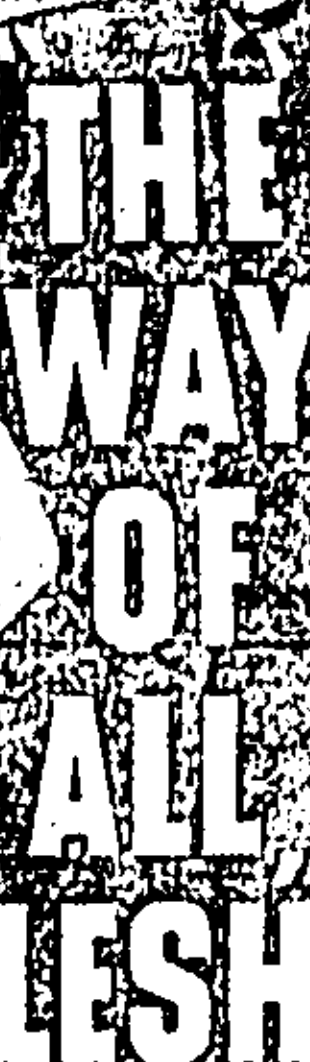


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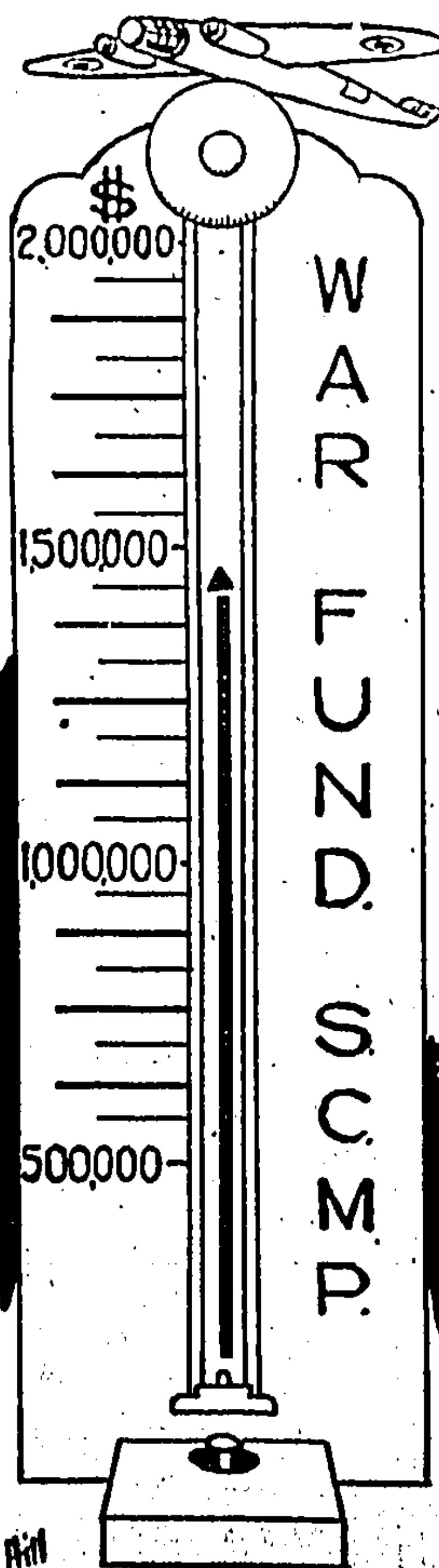
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CAPTURED BY BRITISH—Major General Romolo Ia Strucci, left, chats with fellow Italian officers at a prison camp "somewhere in Africa," after their capture by the British in Libya.

Italians In Retreat: Turkey May Mediate

The Greek forces have captured Sante Quaranti, now known as Agkissaranda, from where they are continuing their advance. The fall of Argyrocastron is not yet confirmed.

The Italian change of command has caused a sensation in Rome. The new Field Marshal, General Cavallero, is a blitzkrieg expert. Another change has taken place with the resignation of General Devecchi, Governor of the Italian Dodecanese. His successor is General Bastico, one of the original Fascist chiefs. Admiral Cavanagari, Chief of the Italian Naval Staff, has been relieved of his post at his own request and succeeded by Admiral Riccardi.

In reply to a message from King George of Greece, President Roosevelt has promised Greece aid. The kind of aid has not been specified, but reports state that it will include any war material that America can spare without affecting Britain's share. Reports from Belgrade state that Herr von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, has influenced M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, to mediate with General Metaxas, Greek Premier, in the Italo-Greek war. Other sources do not think that this will prove effective.

The armed merchant cruiser, Carnarvon Castle, which was damaged in an engagement with a Nazi raider in the South Atlantic on Friday, has put into Montevideo with seven dead and 10 wounded seamen. Repairs are not expected to take longer than three days.

Athens, Dec. 7. It is unofficially estimated that Italy has 240,000 to 250,000 troops in Albania, while Greece has 600,000 men mobilized, of whom one third is at the front.

It is believed that at the beginning of the war Italy had 13 to 16 divisions in Albania, after which three more divisions were sent to Albania.

Informed circles in Budapest estimate that there are 350,000 Italians in Albania.—United Press.

Premeditation

Athens, Dec. 8. The extent of the premeditation of the Italian attack on Greece is proved by documents found by the Greeks in their advance into Albania. Photostatic copies of them were shown to newspapermen to-day by the Greek government spokesman.

They include order to annihilate the Greek frontier guards by surprise and a proclamation dated October 28 (two days before Italy sent the ultimatum to Greece) was issued to the Ferrara division saying: "We are looking forward into Epirus. The day has come. We must conquer."

—Reuter.

Smuggled Gold Haul

On B. & S. Ship At S'hai At Charity Bazaar

Shanghai, Dec. 8. One of the largest hauls of smuggled gold in recent years was made on Friday when Customs searchers swooped down on the Butterfield and Swire steamer Hsin Peking as it docked from Tientsin. They found a cache of 55 gold bars, valued \$320,000.

Though no arrests have been made, it is thought crew members tried to smuggle the gold into Shanghai.

On past occasions large quantities of gold and other precious metals have been smuggled into International Settlement from points in occupied China to prevent seizure by the Japanese.—Reuter.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"When they come out to look at a suit in the light, I show them the same thing at half his price!"

SOONG SISTERS

At Charity Bazaar

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and Mesdames Sun Yat-sen, H. H. Kung, Liu Chung-hol and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chen, were among the visitors, on Saturday, to the three-day charity bazaar at the Chinese Recreation Club grounds. A number of purchases from the various stalls were made by the distinguished visitors.

Large crowds thronged the spacious grounds during the week-end, and special attractions were arranged for yesterday. Sing-song girls from West Point and a number of Chinese film actresses put on impromptu acts during the evening.

The function was in aid of funds for the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association. The direction of helpers was under the direction of Mrs. Rose Tan.

In Aid Of M.C.L.

A charity bazaar in aid of the Ministering Children's League was held at St. Paul's Girls' College on Saturday.

More than \$2,000 was taken in within a few hours.

The opening ceremony was performed by Miss Tsang Po-shan, M.A., who was a graduate of Westfield College, London, and principal of Yee-fong College in Changsha. Her great-grandfather was Marquis Tsang, a scholar, soldier and statesman in the Ching Dynasty.

St. Stephens

The opening ceremony at the St. Stephen's Girls' College annual charity fete and sale of work, was performed by Miss J. R. Taylor, a former acting Headmistress of the College, in the lower hall in the presence of a large gathering of students and friends, on Saturday. Immediately after this, the stalls received eager patronage, and the sales—together with the proceeds from the concert in the evening—must have been most gratifying.

Christ Church Fete

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, a most enjoyable Fun Fair and Sale of Work was held in the grounds of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, on Saturday. The function was opened by Miss Rosamund Kung.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, says:

The market continues its upward trend with sustained enquiries at higher rates. Though the turnover is not big, any shares offered are readily absorbed, and better prices are obtainable for larger parcels of shares.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LAKE MORRIS

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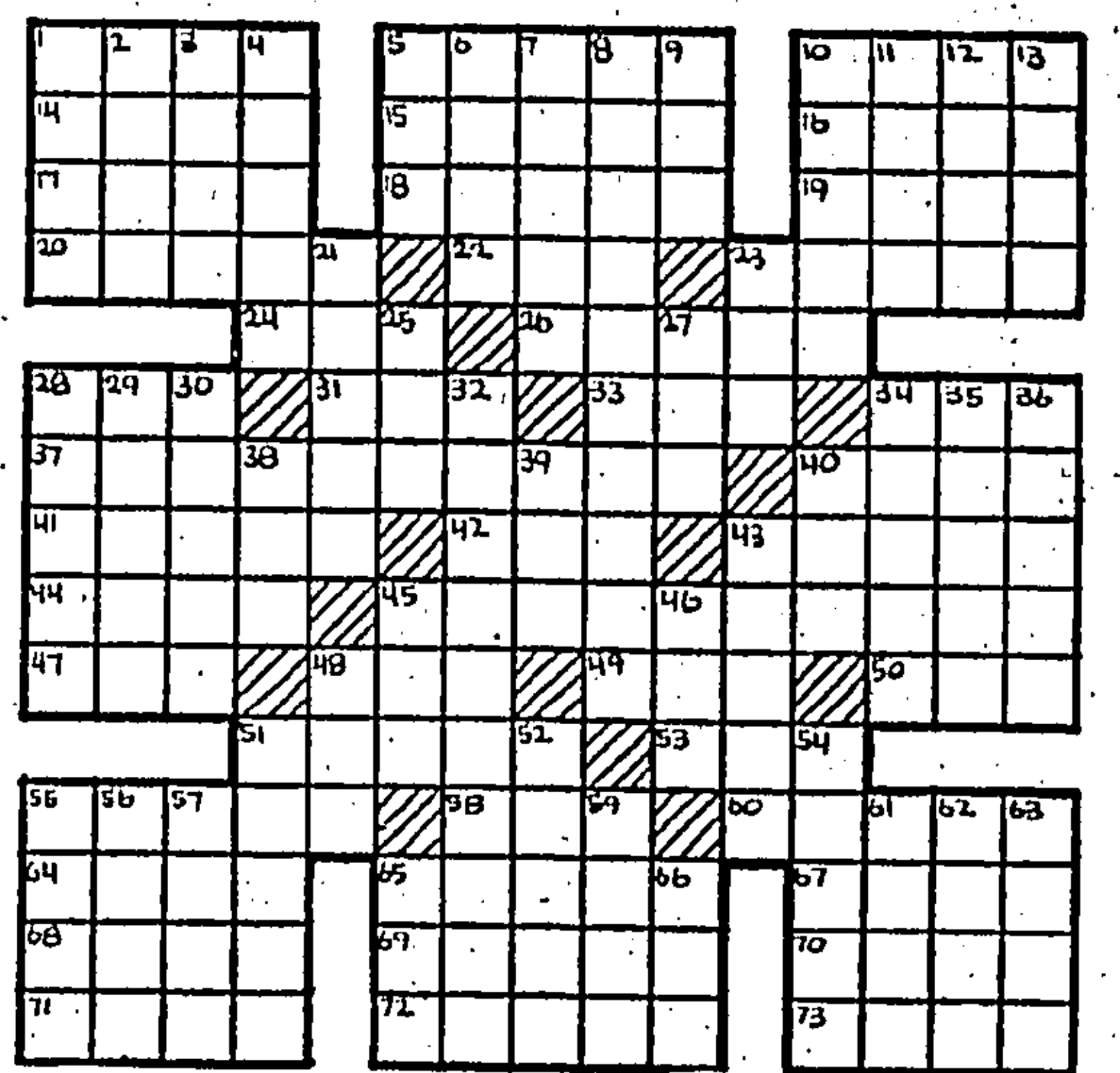
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DOWN

- 1—Sleeping place
- 2—Coincidence
- 3—One who sets to meat
- 4—Unworked metal
- 5—Weapon
- 6—Tas
- 7—Coin
- 8—Worthless plant
- 9—Coin security
- 10—That woman's
- 11—Gold, lightly
- 12—Fruit of oak
- 13—Climax
- 14—Spit in by arms of land
- 15—Second wife
- 16—Kind of palm
- 17—Pat
- 18—Lodged
- 19—Among
- 20—Lovers
- 21—Lovers
- 22—Daughter of fathers
- 23—Pit
- 24—Dispersed
- 25—Signal
- 26—Pole
- 27—Litteron
- 28—Nominates
- 29—Pituitary
- 30—Requirements
- 31—Nominates
- 32—Look amorously
- 33—Mixed equine color
- 34—Terra firma
- 35—Information
- 36—Inland
- 37—Plant embryo
- 38—Waterside place
- 39—Spanish gentleman



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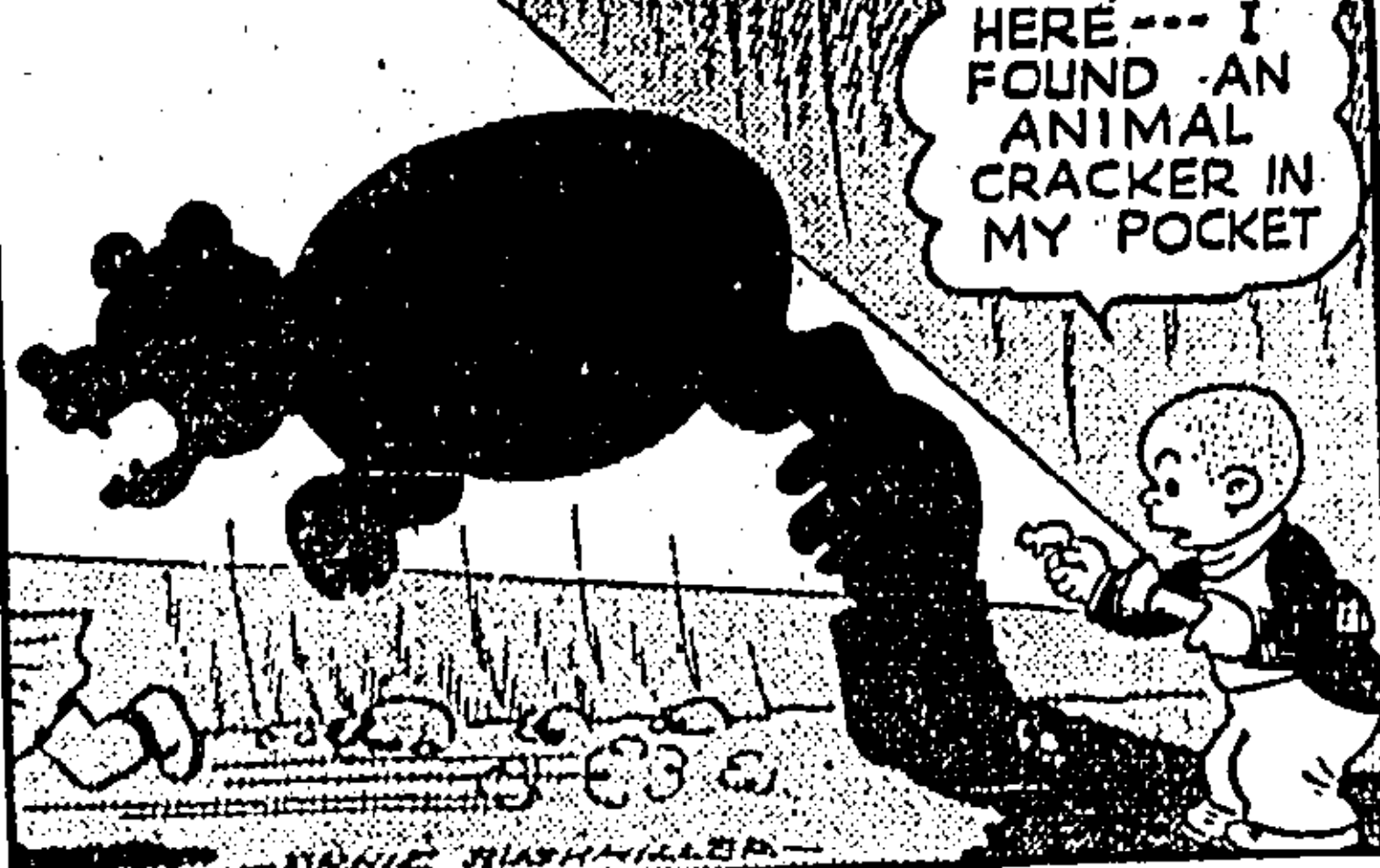
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Indo-China Frontier Quiet, Says Report

By MELVILLE JACOBY
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THAKHEK, Dec. 8 (UP).—I found Thakhek calm this morning, though Thai planes flew over us on a scouting expedition, while French military forces are continuing to change this palm-tree tropical village on the broad Mekong river into a defence sector against possible invasion.

Writing at the post office, it is possible to view, across the Mekong river, Thai rafts, entrenchments and new roads leading below to the Thailand city of Lachon which the French recently shelled. Occasionally, Thai machine-guns are landing shots on Thakhek, which is now mainly deserted.

Thai searchlights last evening began sweeping the river between the two cities. French officers, showing me the market place explained that the "Thailanders are using the most modern American built planes and are machine-gunning the villages, dropping bombs by hand. At the French Staff Headquarters somewhere in Laos, I learned that the only war with Thailand which the French officers have heard about have come from radio reports, saying the border incidents have been localized. They stated that the Thailanders have extremely good foreign equipment; however, there is a question as to how well they will use their arms. They stated there was a large concentration of Thailanders behind Lachon, lying opposite Thakhek and that they were confident at meeting any Thai invasion. The present orders "Do not fire unless fired upon" are being upheld.

Bombs On Laos

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SAVANNAKHET, Dec. 8 (UP).—Four Thai planes dropped 10 bombs on Ventiane, capital of Laos at 4.50 p.m. to-day.

At an air base somewhere in Laos, French fliers told the "United Press" that the eight Thai planes they had encountered in recent incidents over the Mekong river were extremely well flown. They were of foreign make, but were not American Curtiss Hawks. Experienced French fliers stated that Thai pilots flew as if they had plenty of fighting experience.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Ginling College was celebrated by alumnae of the Hongkong Branch with a thanksgiving service followed by a reception at the English Methodist Church, Wanchai, on Saturday.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Bank	1340 b.
H.K. Bank (H.K.)	75 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K.)	75 n.
Chartered	7 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	25 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	73 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	105 b.
Union	305 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	150 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	33/8 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	91 b.
Docks (old)	18 sa.
Docks (new)	17 b.
Providents	5.49 1/2 sa.
Shai Dockyards	30 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	10/3 n.
Raub	9 1/4 n.
H.K. Miner	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hotels	3 1/2 n.
Lands	33 1/2 sa.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	11 1/2 n.
Humphreys	7.40 b.
H.K. Realities	3.60 b.
Chinese Estates	100 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	17.40 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	23 b.
Y. Ferries	7 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	39 b.
H.K. Electric (old)	39 b.
H.K. Electric (new)	39 1/2 b.
Macao Electric (old)	17 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (new)	10 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11.20 b.
Telephones (old)	25 b.
Telephones (new)	10.10 b.

INDUSTRIALS	
Caid: Macg. (Ord.)	14.00 n.
Caid: Macg. (Pref.)	12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	18 b.
H.K. Ropes	7 sa.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	18 1/2 n.
Watsons	10 1/2 b. & n.
Lane Crawfords	9 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell Ltd.	100 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	x.d. 37 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	105 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	98 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	94 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5 1/2% 1925 GSBds.	35 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainments	6.60 b.
Constructions (old)	1.00 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.80 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	7/8 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	2/8 b.

ASSASSINATION IN PEIPING

Many People Arrested

PEIPING, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—Japanese have arrested a large number of persons during the past week in a house during search for the murderer of a Japanese colonel last Friday. Arrests include some policemen who were stated to have been actually present at the time of the murder, according to Chinese reports. Questioned why they had not attempted to capture the assassin, the Police replied that they were unarmed and could not do anything, whereupon they were severely beaten. Some are reported to have died from their injuries.

Other Chinese quarters ascribe the unrelaxed restrictions on leaving the city to the continued house searching for the Chinese soldiers who mutilated last week. It being believed that some have taken refuge within the city.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	52 1/2
T.T. Singapore	100
T.T. India	23 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	43 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	147
T.T. Saigon	101 1/2
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	99 3/4
T.T. Australia	1/8 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

CELEBRATE VICTORY

Tremendous Enthusiasm Throughout Greece

ATHENS, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—The victory of Argyro-Castron is being celebrated with tremendous enthusiasm throughout Greece.

Flags were hung out in all Greek towns. In the streets of Athens, huge crowds cheered the King and General Metaxas and, singing the National Anthem, marched to General Headquarters where in answer to their shouts, the King appeared on the balcony followed by General Metaxas.

The sirens of all ships in Athens harbour mingled with the ringing of Church bells and the streets arm in arm, were greeted everywhere by enthusiastic cheers from the crowd. General Metaxas has sent a message of congratulation to the Greek High Command.

Battle For El Bassan

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—While Athens is rejoicing over the "second Koritza," the Greek army is keeping up pressure on all fronts.

Reports reaching here from the Yugo-Slav-Albanian frontier state that the battle for El Bassan was resumed early on Sunday morning with undiminished violence.

A gale and snowstorm are sweeping the mountain ranges where fighting is taking place. The Greeks advanced north of Pogradetz and are beyond Undiste, progressing in the direction of the line on the shores of Lake Ochrid. Their aim is to reach the road which passes through the Skumba valley and leads to El Bassan.

Great difficulty is being experienced in feeding the guns on the mountain peaks as, at many points, the buses are deep in snow.

Italian deserters who crossed into Yugo-Slavia speak of the dropping of the Italian troops in contrast to the buoyancy of the Greeks.

Soviet Appraisal

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—Italy's difficulties in the war with Greece are the subject of long articles in the Moscow newspapers.

One newspaper says that there is no doubt that the Greeks have gained considerable successes and adds that the Italian aims in Greece demand a great number of men and a great deal of material.

The "Red Star," official army organ, declares that the Italians are unable to establish control of the Adriatic owing to submarines, although it now dominates the Aegean Sea, thereby isolating the Dodecanese Islands.

CHANNEL GUNS OPEN UP

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
DOVER, Dec. 8 (UP).—German long-range guns near Calais fired two salvoes on the Dover area early this evening, breaking a three day silence. Brief but intense bombardment was made at noon, which rocked the coast for miles.

One plane was heard flying at high altitude, apparently spotting the ships.

Rumania Anticipates Mournful Christmas

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUCHAREST, Dec. 8 (UP).—Christmas will be a time of mourning in Rumania, with candles burning in homes and churches in memory of Bessarabia, North Bukovina, Cadrilater and North Transylvania.

"A Merry Christmas" on English standards has never caught on with Rumanians who, for the most part, regard Christmas as a religious holiday, and celebrate New Year's Day instead.

But the ordinarily solemn manner of Christmas this year will be even sadder in reminiscence of the loss of two-fifths of all Rumania, the political upheaval at the time of King Carol's abdication, the devastating recurrent earthquakes and the gruesome nights of terrorism at the beginning of this month.

If the average Rumanian does celebrate he will do it on New Year's day with the national dish of sarmale, if he has the money for it.

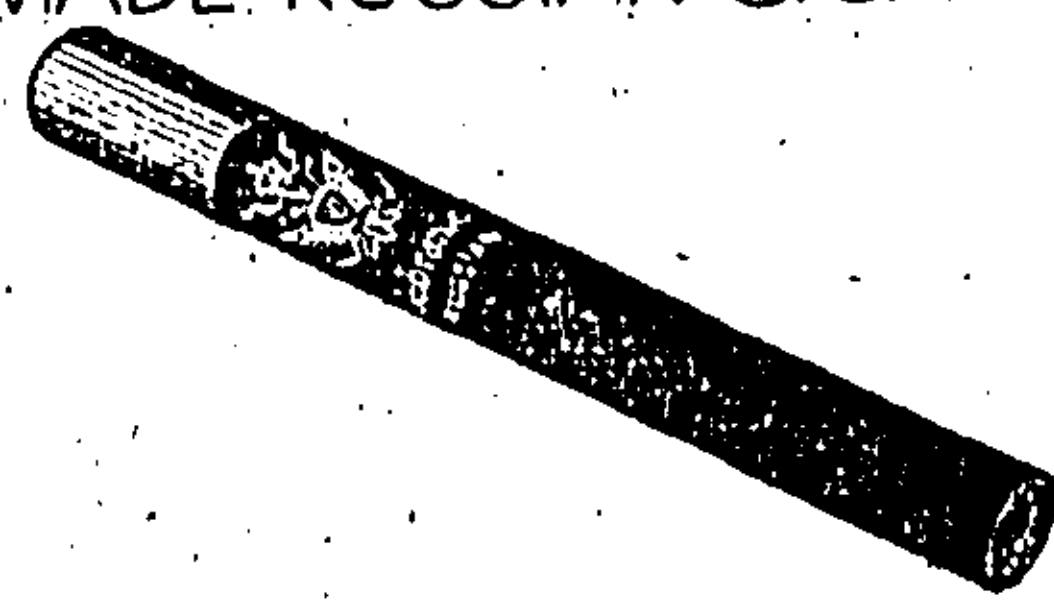
Instead of turkey or goose, the Rumanian looks to fat pork for festive dishes and sarmale—comprising ground pork and rice, spiced and rolled in sour cabbage leaves. Without this dish, New Year's Day just is not New Year's Day to the Rumanian.

But the dish promises to be considerably altered this year as rice, with its price increase of 500 per cent. since last New Year, will be missing from the tables of all but the very rich.

Captain A. C. Collinson, R.N. Commadore in charge of Naval Establishments, Hongkong is to be an additional official member of the Executive Council with effect from November 27.

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MONTE VIDEO, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—Reports show that ambulances sent to remove the wounded from the Carnarvon Castle were unnecessary as the men were only slightly injured, and were remaining on board.

Captain Hardy stated that he had buried the dead at sea. It is understood that he had requested permission to remain 48 hours in accordance with International Law to carry out repairs, but Wriggman

Germany Hedging

PEIPING, Dec. 8 (Reuters).—It has been suggested in diplomatic circles that the delay on the part of Germany in recognising the Wang Ching-wei government is due to Germany's desire to use the recognition as a bargaining counter to force Japan to take action against Britain in the Far East.

naval circles are believed to have recommended permission for 72 hours. Members of the crew were wildly cheered when they went ashore.

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Postage 3.00			
Packing Charges 3.00			
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11 lb. Postal Limit.	8 x 12 oz. Tin	9 1/2 lbs. Granu-	4 x 12 oz. Tins
8 lbs. Tea \$10.00	Butter \$10.40	lated Sugar \$ 1.33	Butter \$ 5.20
Duty 4.80	Postage 4.40	lated Sugar 4.40	lated Sugar 4.40
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Postage 4.00			
Packing Charges 3.00			
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To M.....

T.3.	B.3.	S.3.	B.S.3.
7 lb. Postal Limit.	6 x 12 oz. Tins	6 lbs. Granu-	3 x 12 oz. Tins
5 lbs. Tea \$10.00	Butter \$ 6.50	lated Sugar \$.84	Butter \$ 3.90
Duty 3.00	Postage 3.15	lated Sugar 3.15	Sugar28
Customs Charges 7.50	Packing Charges 2.00	Packing Charges 1.00	Postage 3.15
Postage 3.15			Packing Charges 2.50
Packing Charges 3.00			
Total Cost \$19.00	Total Cost \$11.05	Total Cost \$ 4.90	Total Cost \$ 9.83

To M.....

T.4.	B.4.	S.4.	B.S.4.
3 lb. Postal Limit	2 x 12 oz. Tins	2 1/2 lbs. Granu-	1 x 12 oz. Tin
2 lbs. Tea \$ 4.00	Butter \$ 2.00	lated Sugar \$.35	Butter \$ 1.30
Duty 1.20	Postage 1.75	lated Sugar 1.75	1 1/2 lbs. Granu-
Customs Charges 7.50	Packing Charges 1.00	Packing Charges 1.00	Sugar21
Postage 1.75			Postage 1.75
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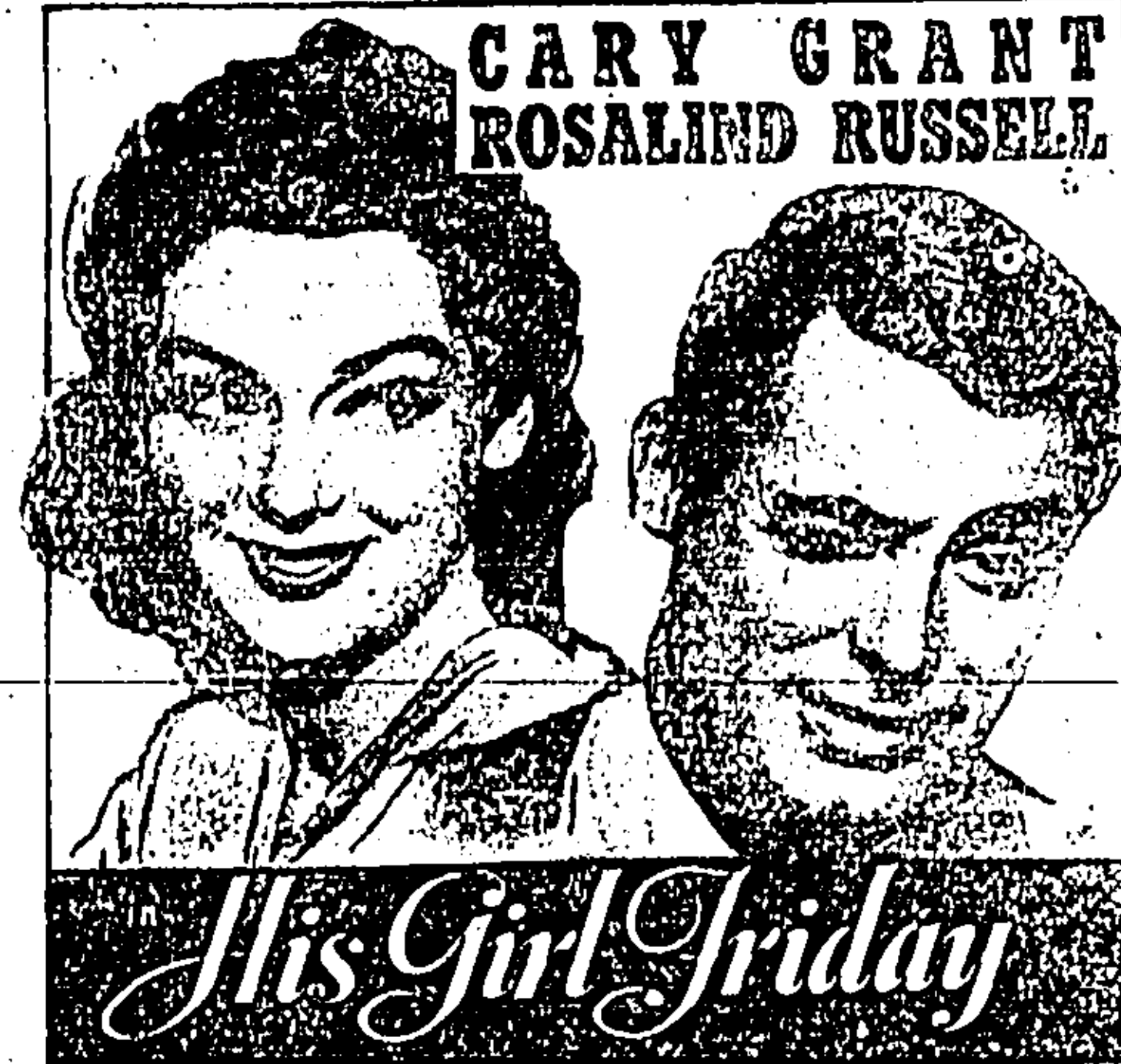
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NAZI LUFTWAFFE IS SOBERED

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gas works, railway yards and the inland port.

Roofs caved in under the weight of bombs, and explosions tore the walls of several steel works wide open. One experienced crew said that "the largest fire I have ever seen" was caused.

One of Wednesday's targets was an armaments factory.

One Plane Downed

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—One enemy fighter was shot down in the Channel early on Sunday afternoon. This was announced in chief Air Ministry communiqué which adds "otherwise there is nothing to report."

The skies over Britain have been remarkably clear of enemy aircraft since Friday night's attack on Bristol—and the R.A.F.'s hammering the same night of Luftwaffe's bases in occupied territory.

Further details of the R.A.F.'s raid on the French Atlantic ports of Brest and Lorient on Saturday night when the Luftwaffe was "grounded" for the first time since the opening of the "Blitz," were issued on Sunday night.

Brest underwent its most severe battering so far. At the outset, fires started around the naval school. There followed a vast explosion at the power station, one observer describing the scene as like "a huge blacksmith's forge from which rose showers of what looked like hot metal mingled with the debris of battered buildings."

Incendiaries and high explosives fell on infantry and naval barracks and buildings in between.

Usual Nazi Claims

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (UP).—The "Volksischer Beobachter" today carries a headline "November Balance," referring to the bombings of England and Germany.

"It is quite clear that 6,750,000 kilograms of explosive bombs were dropped on England during November, while 43,000 kilograms of British bombs were dropped on Reich territory," declared the paper.

A sub-heading declares: "London alone has been bombed with 3,870,000 kilograms of explosives."

New Airway Among Good Neighbours

By LUIS J. ZALAMEA

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (UP).—

The creation of a "good neighbour skyway" to foster closer hemispheric relations is being planned by the Inter-American Escadrille—an organization devoted to promoting the ideals of continental solidarity using aviation as a medium.

The Escadrille has a twofold plan to bring the Americas to closer understanding and friendship:

Firstly, by bringing together, in an international organization, the thousands of private fliers in the United States and the American republics, and by fostering the instruction of new pilots; and

Secondly, by providing an international airline to be known as the "Good Neighbour Skyway."

It is hoped that the skyway will get in motion an ever-increasing stream of private aviators who will help materially to "shrink the hemisphere into a community of neighbours." This stream will be swelled by the many pilots now being trained in American colleges and in Latin America.

The importance of the skyway in the hemisphere defence plans is evident, according to Escadrille officers who estimated that \$150,000 would be needed to organize the scheme under government supervision.

De Gaulle Urges Blow From Syria

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torpedo-boats, submarines, mine-layers, minesweepers and patrol boats will be inspected by Generals de Gaulle in naval bases in England.

De Gaulle visited the training ship used as a naval academy of the Free French fleet where future officers are trained.

He congratulated Vice-Admiral Muscat, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Navy, on the work already done and the good spirits shown by officers and crews.

Sudden Death Of Mrs. F. J. Gellion

Macao, Dec. 8. Mrs. F. J. Gellion died suddenly last night following a brief illness. She was one of the Colony's most popular and respected figures.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Gellion was the wife of Mr. F. J. Gellion, British Vice-Consul in Macao and Manager of the Macao Electric Light Company. She was a frequent visitor to this Colony, and has many friends here.

Mrs. Gellion was about 40 years of age. Formerly Miss Marie Telles de Menezes, she was born in Portugal and went to Macao at an early age. She leaves a sister, Mrs. H. Nolasco da Silva, of Macao.

H.K. Water Supply

More Rain, Less Stored

The water returns (in millions of gallons) for last month show that the Colony's island reservoirs held at the end of November 3,779.00 m.g. as against 3,809.54 m.g. at the corresponding time last year. Last month 323.60 m.g. were consumed by 830,000 people at a rate of 20.9 gallons per head per day, which compares with 470.75 m.g. consumed by 960,000 people at a rate of 17 in November, 1939.

Mainland reservoirs contained at the beginning of December, 2,429.87 m.g. against 3,009.47 m.g. at the same time last year. During November 362.61 m.g. were consumed by 770,000 people at a rate of 15.7 gallons per head per day, which compares with 331.00 m.g. consumed by 800,000 at a rate of 12.5.

The rainfall for the year up to the end of November was 117,590 inches compared with 86,705 inches for the corresponding period in 1939.

Softball

RECORD WIN FOR CARDINALS

WEEK-END SOFTBALL provided its usual excitement and entertaining fare. Two overwhelming victories were recorded in the girls' League. Wildcats humbled Chung Hwa 29-3, but it was for the Cardinals to register the record, trouncing Las Florinas 42-6!

The Chinese Baseball Club chalked up a one-run win over the Hongkong Baseball Club, the score being 8-7, while in the Second Division, another close encounter was that between Central British Association and the Royal Artillery, the latter nosing out the C.B.A. by 7-6.

Complete scores were:
Girls
Wildcats 29, Chung Hwa 3.
Cardinals 42, Las Florinas 6.
Canuckettes 11, Panthers 3.
Men
First Division
St. Joseph's 4, Canuckettes 2.
H.K. Baseball Club 7, Ch. B.C. 8.
Second Division
Royal Engineers 2, F.R.C. 18.
Central British B.A. 7.
Inter-Hong
Lacrosse 8, Greensports 3.
Texans 4, Shell 20.

Joe Louis To Meet Godoy Again In April

Detroit, Dec. 7. Mike Jacobs, the boxing promoter, announced today that he has matched Arturo Godoy, the Chilean, against Joe Louis for a World Heavyweight championship bout at Los Angeles in April. The fight will include the champion's winter programme.

Godoy has previously lost twice to Louis, once by a knock-out.—United Press.

Evoleme Wins Yacht Race

The first Corinthian cruise race sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club over 21 miles yesterday resulted:
Evoleme 3.50.28 2.50.34 R. J. Minnitt 1
Sai Lung 4.01.09 2.55.10 A. M. Mac 2
Donna 3.22.17 3.06.10 A. O. G. Milla 3
Morena 3.09.00 3.09.00 P. C. M.
Galavant 3.43.44 3.22.13 C. H. Charter 4
Typhoon 5.23.20 3.51.13 W. Campbell 5
Did not finish—Red Rover, Teemur, Curlew, Tyrone, Yehonnia, Tern, Iota.

Jap. Tennis Players Going To Germany

Tokyo, Dec. 8. The Japanese Tennis Association has accepted the invitation of German sports authorities and will dispatch a number of leading Japanese tennis players to Germany in July or August of next year. Mr. Katsuta, President of the Association, announced on Saturday.—Domei.

German Invitation To U.S. Boxers

Denver, Dec. 7. The Amateur Athletic Union announced it had received letters from Doctor Metzner, Director of German physical education, inviting the United States to send a boxing team to Berlin in 1942.

The Amateur Athletic Union, however, took no action.—United Press.

LATE NEWS

GENERALS DIE IN AIR CRASH

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sailors in the Fascist doctrine as their education in seamanship.

New Chief's Message

"To victory" was the keynote of the order of the day in a separate message to Mussolini of the new Chief of General Staff, General Cavallero, who assumed the command on Sunday.

He promised that all efforts would be devoted to the realisation of this supreme object.

Il Duce himself has sent, it is announced from Rome, "a cordial signed letter" to Admiral Cavallero in which he expressed his appreciation of the Admiral's collaboration and his seven years' work in the development of Italian naval power.

Highest Goal

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—On taking over his post as Chief of the General Staff of the Italian Army on Sunday, General Cavallero issued an order to the General Staffs of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the Militia to the effect that "We all wish to devote our energies to attaining the highest goal, victory."

Cavallero sends his "warmest regards" to the General Staff of the Army.

CHARGES PROVE TO BE FALSE

American Woman Freed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, Dec. 8 (UP).—Missionaries from Kobe aboard the Asama Maru which arrived here today said that they understood Miss Edna Lawrence, the American woman who was arrested by Japanese authorities at Yokohama recently, is now at Kobe awaiting a chance to depart.

They said that Miss Lawrence was arrested on charges of Communism, but that the allegations were subsequently proved false.

Morale Of Britons Is Praised

A victim of the Nazi invasion of Holland, a Dutch journalist who arrived from London recently is convinced, after what he has observed, that the Nazis will never succeed in breaking the iron nerve and morale of the British people.

He is 53-year-old George Winkel, economic expert of the Economisch Archief van Nederlands Kolonien. He is also the author of a book on the economic conditions of Holland and her colonies, printed in 1935.

He stressed that the Nazi air attacks on Britain will always fail to shake the population, whom he described as fast thinking and always harping on their old saying "We lose every battle, but the last."

Everybody was absolutely confident of a final victory, he pointed out.

1,500 GIRLS GET Keep-at-it Badges

About 1,500 girls and 500 men—the entire staff of a north-west shadow factory working for the Air Ministry—are to receive the new "Keep-at-it" badges, for staying at work during raids.

They will be the first people in the north to wear the badge, which is similar to the circular target on the wings of our Hurricanes and Spitfires.

By sticking to their benches until their Air Ministry-trained roof spotter warns them to go to the basement shelters, these workers have saved 40,000 work-hours in thirteen days.

Only when the roof spotter sounds an electric horn to show that enemy bombers are overhead do the workers put down their tools.

They have never been in the shelter for more than twenty minutes at a time.

Said a works official: "The workers here are magnificent. They are as much in the front line as soldiers are. Some of the girls have asked if some machinery could be put in the shelters so that they needn't stop at all."

TWO NEWSPAPER OFFICES SUFFER RAID DAMAGE

Two newspaper offices were damaged during recent night raids on London.

One was the office of the "Daily Herald," the other that of the "Evening Standard."

A high explosive bomb dropped on the roof of the "Evening Standard" office, narrowly missing two "spotters," and penetrating a 160,000-gallon water-tank, which prevented an outbreak of fire.

Some of the machinery was damaged.

The bomb that fell near the "Daily Herald" office shattered a number of windows and did some damage to the office buildings.

Nobody was injured by either bomb, and the publication of both newspapers proceeded without delay.

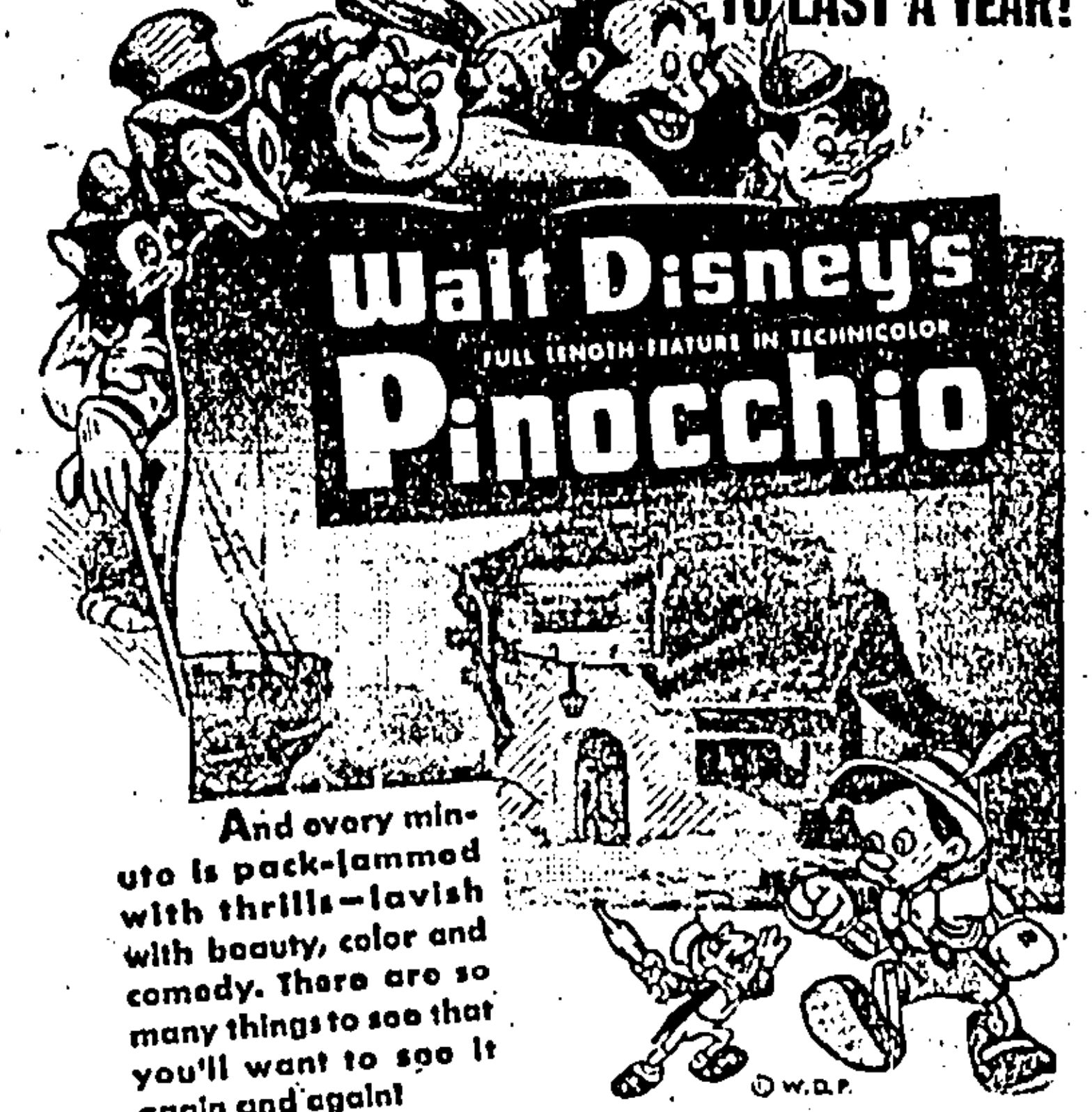
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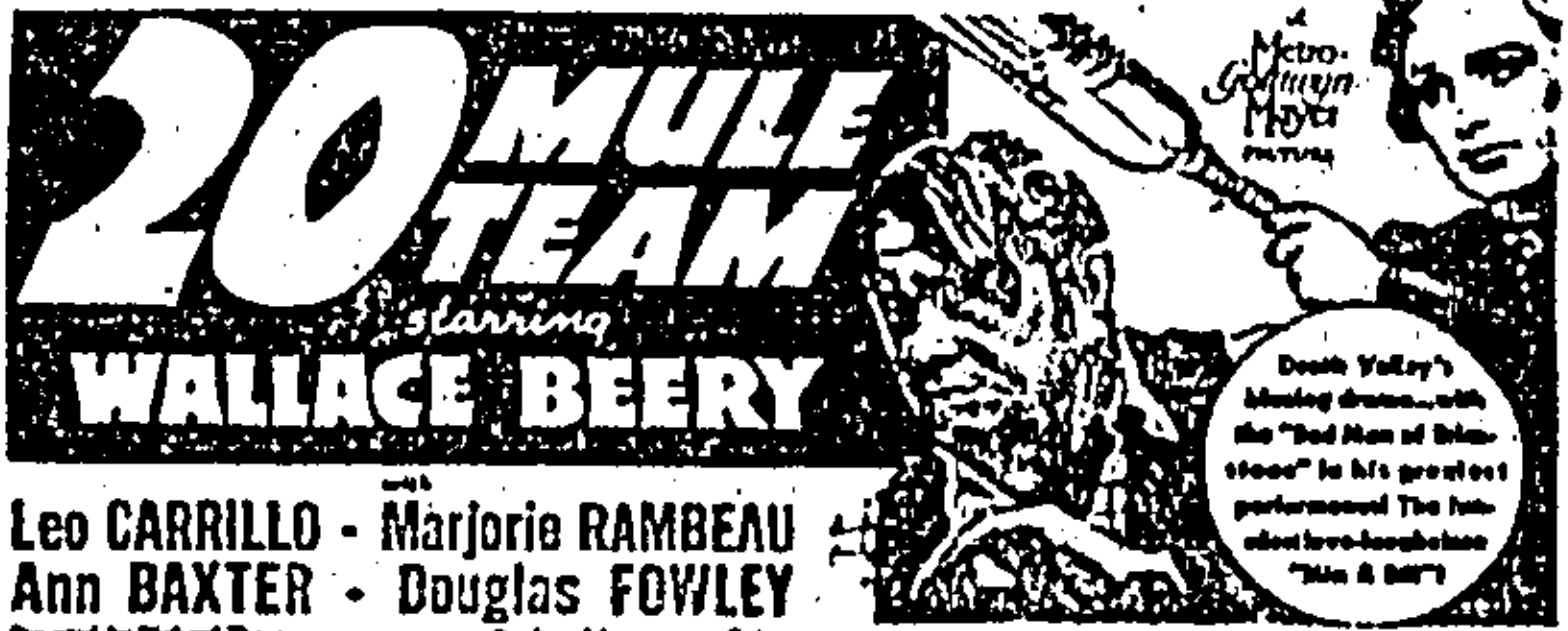
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ATHENS, DEC. 8 (REUTER).—A DIRECT HIT ON THE STERN OF ONE SHIP, AND MANY NEAR MISSES WERE OBSERVED BY THE CREWS OF R.A.F. BOMBERS WHICH ARE OFFICIALLY STATED TO HAVE ATTACKED ITALIAN SHIPPING OFF THE ALBANIAN COAST YESTERDAY.

A RAID WAS CARRIED OUT ON VALONA IN BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS AND AGAINST HEAVY ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION. ALL BOMBS FELL IN THE TARGET AREA BUT THE RESULTS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED.

GENERALS DIE IN AIR CRASH

Another Blow For Italians

ROME, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Two Italian generals were killed when a plane carrying members of the Italian armistice commission crashed on a flight from Rome to Turin.

The fatality occurred on Saturday when a military plane carrying members of the commission which had been engaged in France in negotiations, crashed at Bareacque in the province of Piedmont.

The generals were General Pietro Pinno, General of the Air Force, and General Pellegrini.

DROME IN TRIPOLI SMASHED

Destructive R.A.F. Raid

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—A heavy R.A.F. bombing attack by night on Castel Benito, a town in Tripoli, is described in a special communique to-night.

FURIOUS RAIDS ON GERMANY

Steel Works Reduced To Blazing Rubble

LONDON, Dec. 8 (UP).—Striking with new fury of destruction at the vitals of the German war machine, R.A.F. bombers are reported to have reduced many buildings of the Reich's biggest steel works into "blazing heaps of rubble," and set fire to six Nazi-held naval bases and seaports.

DE GAULLE URGES BLOW FROM SYRIA & N. AFRICA

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—A chance to turn the Italian reverses into a complete rout and to win for France a "victory of the Mediterranean now presents itself to the French fleet and to French armies in North Africa and Syria, said General de Gaulle, the Free French leader, broadcasting a strong appeal from here to-night to those forces "not to miss the opportunity."

Haiphong Incidents Cause High Tension

Special to the "Telegraph"

HANOI, Dec. 8 (UP).—Tension reigned in Haiphong on Saturday when Japanese soldiers took into custody a group of French soldiers, who went to the assistance of a French woman engaged in an argument with Japanese troops. The Japanese alleged that the woman had insulted the Emperor of Japan.

CELEBRATE VICTORY

Tremendous Enthusiasm Throughout Greece

ATHENS, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The victory of Argiro-Castron is being celebrated with tremendous enthusiasm throughout Greece.

Rumania Anticipates Mournful Christmas

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUCHAREST, Dec. 8 (UP).—Christmas will be a time of mourning in Rumania, with candles burning in homes and churches in memory of Bessarabia, North Bukovina, Cadrilater and North Transylvania.

Indo-China Frontier Quiet, Says Report

By MELVILLE JACOBY

THAKHEK, Dec. 8 (UP).—I found Thakhek calm this morning, though Thai planes flew over us on a scouting expedition, while French military forces are continuing to change this palm-treed tropical village on the broad Mekong river into a defence sector against possible invasion.

BRITAIN'S A. A. "BRAIN TRUST"

A scene in a Control Centre of the Observer Corps, that vital "Brain Trust" of Britain's anti-aircraft defences, which have proved so worthy against the air might of Nazi Germany. Seated around the table are the "plotters", who receive information of the movement of enemy aircraft from the observation posts, and move the symbols on the table in accordance with the messages. The men with the rakes are the Superplotters, who clarify the situation as they arise, and on the dials above are the "Tellers", who pass information forward to the Higher Commands of the R.A.F. A "Recorder" seated high in the corner maintains an accurate record of every track.

Two Bombers Down

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—New Italian air losses are recorded in an R.A.F. communique.

One fighter among the strong patrols trying to defend Valona against the R.A.F. raid, was shot down.

It is now confirmed that of three Italian bombers which attempted to raid Buna in Kenya on November 22, only one escaped from British fighters.

One bomber, it is now established, made a forced landing 60 miles from Buna. Four of the crew were captured and the fifth was killed.

A second bomber was shot down in flames.

Various reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all front besides the raids yesterday on shipping off the Albanian coast, and on Valona.

British Guns Roar In Desert

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—British artillery in the Sudan hammered away at Italian positions yesterday.

Loud explosions were heard following what is described in the official communique as "a successful shoot" on enemy positions east of Metamma, British guns were also active in the area north of Kassala. On other fronts there is no change in the situation to report.

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NAZI LUFTWAFFE IS SOBERED BY R.A.F. EXPLOITS

LONDON, DEC. 8 (REUTER).—THERE HAS BEEN A STRANGE LULL ON GERMAN AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN SINCE FRIDAY NIGHT WHICH HAS INTRIGUED BRITISH OBSERVERS.

Three reasons for the lull are advanced; they are all speculations, but one or more have some basis in facts.

Not a little exhausted by four months of continuous day and night raiding over the Channel, Germany may be conserving the strength of her air force for a dramatic new blow against Britain, here or in another theatre of war.

Two other reasons find more immediate favour, however. Probably inter-related, they are the Royal Air Force's eight-hour hammering of Luftwaffe bases in occupied territory on Friday night, and weather conditions over the continent.

It is the first time that the main weight of the R.A.F.'s night blitz has been directed against the aerodromes from which the Luftwaffe raided London and, more recently, English ports and industrial towns. In the past these have only been attacked when British bomber crews were unable to locate their primary targets.

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BERLIN TRIAL.—Herschel Grynszpan, Jewish youth who shot Ernst Vom Rath, German embassy counsellor, in Paris on Nov. 8, 1938, will be tried in Berlin on the charge of murdering the diplomat. Grynszpan was handed over to the German authorities on the demand of the Nazis, after the fall of France. He was 17 when he shot the diplomat.

MORE CZECHS TO JOIN BRITISH

Thirty-seven expert Czech Army ulmen, all with more than ten years' experience, have passed through Bombay on their way to England to join the R.A.F. At the outbreak of war the men escaped to Poland. After Poland fell, they made an exceedingly difficult overland journey to India.

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ROOMS PROFITEERING AT OXFORD

The emergency committee at Oxford, which is going into the question of profiteering at the expense of London people who have gone there in their thousands during the past few weeks, is no concerned at the state of affairs that it is making representations to the Government for the promotion of legislation to deal with the evil.

The Chief Constable said that in one instance a rent of £6 a week had been asked for the use of two rooms. Some cases were outside the law, and it was hoped to be able to deal with these.

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R.A.F. Gives Out Secrets To Nail Lies

For the first time, the Air Ministry recently gave details of where Nazi planes were shot down, the marks they bore, and the names of their crews.

Giving these details to prove that the Germans are liars about their air losses, the Air Ministry says: "It would be appreciated that information of this nature may be of great value to the enemy, and cannot be published as a general rule."

"The German High Command communicate almost always contains an untrue statement of German air losses. Wednesday's High Command communiqué, for example, only admits that three of their aircraft did not return from Tuesday's operations. In fact, as already announced, eight German aircraft were destroyed."

"Of these, two were Heinkel 60 float planes, which were shot down in the sea without survivors."

And Six More

Details of the remaining six aircraft and marks: Place, crew, and names are:—

Heinkel (burnt out): Standed Park, Slough, near Chichester. Crew: All killed, one only identifiable. Name: Feldwebel Ernst Ess.

Ju 88 (black eagle in a red circle): Bromborough Docks, Wirral. Crew: One dead, two injured, one uninjured. Names: Lieutenant Hubert Schlegel; Unteroffizier Helmut Weth; Sonderführer Horst Lehmann; Oberleutnant Helmut Brückmann.

Ju 88 (Blow up), Toxtrees Farm, Cophorne, Worth, Sussex. Crew: Four dead. Names: One disc No. 65,119 found.

Dornier (in sea), five miles south-east Fraserburgh. Crew: Three injured. Names: Oberleutnant Egon von Elckstedt; Oberfeldwebel Hubert Freund; Hauptmann Konrad Hardt.

Me 109, figure 2 (in black), red cat with arched back in circle. At Hazleleigh, five and a half miles east of Chelmsford. Crew: One wounded. Name: Feldwebel Paul Boche.

Me 109 (wrecked), East Cliff Pavilion, Folkestone. Crew: One uninjured. Name: Oberleutnant Werner Voigt.

GREEKS GET SUGAR FROM AMERICA

Greece is reported to be importing refined sugar from the United States. United States exports of the commodity in September amounted to 3,310 tons, of which 3,000 tons were shipped to Greece.

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AXIS FLAGS.—At this anti-British rally in Tokyo, Japan, sponsored by members of Tokyo Municipal Assembly, flags of Germany, Italy, and Italy, right, flank Japanese flag of Rising Sun. Speakers attacked Britain.

American Opinion On The Blitzkrieg Nazi Dictator Said To Be Desperate

"To save himself Hitler must shoot the whole works," is the comment on the Blitzkrieg by the American newspaper "Boston Traveller."

"Hitler's desperation," it declares, "his abandonment of all moral values, indicates that his own situation is extremely perilous."

FREE DUTCHMEN ARE MAKING BIG SACRIFICES

A Dutch National Institute is to be set up in London for the purpose of making known the point of view of Free Dutchmen, not only in Europe, but in the Far East and in the Americas.

The Institute will operate in the same manner as the Institute of International Affairs in London, or the British Council.

Professor Gerbrandy, the new Dutch Premier, said that there were great demonstrations of national feeling in Holland on Queen Wilhelmina's 60th birthday recently.

In future the Queen's birthday will be celebrated in Holland's national day throughout the world.

Professor Gerbrandy laid stress on the great sacrifices that were now being made by Free Dutchmen.

All the wealth of Holland lying outside German rule had been taken over by the free Dutch Government, and all Dutchmen of fighting age were liable to be conscripted.

The conscription of wealth applied to Dutch companies in neutral countries as well as those in Britain.

Gift From Children

He expressed great pleasure at the recent gift of 20,000 by school children in Pretoria. The gift was sent spontaneously by the children to the Queen of Holland, and they asked her to use it for the cause of the Free Netherlands.

Thousands of Dutchmen are giving their services to free Holland although their families are at the mercy of the Germans.

SOVIETS SPEED OUTPUT OF NICKEL MINES

HELSINKI, Nov. 29 (UP).—While the fate of Finland's nickel mines is still under discussion, Soviet Russia is speeding exploitation of her own vast nickel deposits a hundred miles from the Finnish border.

These deposits, discovered only eight years ago, are worked by tens of thousands, mining and refining the nickel of Russian Karelia.

Early in October, a large, new electrolytic plant was opened at Montchegorsk, the "Nickel Town," near Korovsk, on the Kola Peninsula. Production of nickel, already large, has since increased considerably. Montchegorsk now has 25,000 inhabitants, all workers. Five years ago the town did not exist, but was one of the many pleasant sites at the Lake Pysylaschijnawr in the centre of Russian Lapland, visited only by wandering Laps with the herds of reindeer and by fishermen and trappers.

Now Modern Town

In May, 1932, Russian geologists discovered rich deposits of nickel and copper in this area, and three years later General Schdanov, then Governor of this region, laid the foundation of the industrial centre.

Montchegorsk is now a modern town with electric light, public water supply, several hospitals and a wireless station. A special branch line connects the town with the Murmansk Railway.

Soviet Russia hopes to make Montchegorsk the greatest nickel centre in the world.

"Red Fleet," organ of the Soviet Navy, declares that British air power is steadily growing and that a German invasion is not possible once parity is attained.

"If Germany succeeds in winning the mastery of the air and crushing the British Air Force then the possibility of a German invasion is to a great extent assured," it says.

"But the conquest and full mastery of the air is possible only within a definite and limited period."

"If Germany does not succeed within that period and the British air fleet is able to achieve numerical equality, then any German invasion is out of the question."

Germany's chances of successfully invading Britain at the present time are very hazardous, according to an article by Major Fielding Elliot, the military expert in the "New York Herald-Tribune."

Attack Beat

The "New York Times" points out that "British bombers continue to smash at enemy ports along the Channel and North Sea instead of concentrating all their fury upon Berlin."

These raids, it adds, combined with the raids over the Rhineland and Ruhr, night after night, "offer convincing proof, despite the raids on London, that the British have not forgotten that attack is the best defence, and British air power still has the means to hurt the enemy."

World Labour Salutes Workers Of Britain

WORKERS' organisations all over the world have sent messages to the Trades Union Congress saluting the courage and determination of the British working class to stand up to Hitlerism and "take it on the chin."

It is clear from the cables which are pouring into Transport House that the organised workers, whatever their race, creed or colour, regard London as their "home town" in this titanic struggle for decency and democracy.

Most significant of the messages received came from two United States Labour Conventions representing millions of American workers.

The annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labour sent a message of fraternal solidarity to Sir Walter Citrine, asking him to convey to the British workers "heartiest encouragement in their dauntless fight against the tyranny of totalitarianism."

"Your fight is our fight," cabled the Indiana workers. "We are confident of your ultimate triumph."

The New Jersey Labour Conference wired: "We are thrilled at heroic and untiring struggle of British Labour against barbarous terror of Nazis. We send you our united message of fraternal sympathy in your magnificent fight for freedom and justice. We know your cause, which is the cause of free Labour everywhere, will prevail."

"With You All The Way" The munition workers of the Government Ordnance Factory, Melbourne, wired: "Please send to all workers our admiration for the courage with which Britain faces the present warfare and the determination to see it to a successful finish. Keep your chin up British workers. We are with you all the way."

Citrine replied to American workers "profound gratitude" of the T.U.C. for the messages received.

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12.45 Strauss' Waltzes. Citronen Waltz, Boston Promenade Orchestra, cond. by Arthur Fiedler, Aquatella Waltz, Annon Polka, Irene Eljinger (Soprano) with Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Compositions of Gershwin. Summer Time (from "Porgy and Bess"), Anne Jamison (Soprano) with Orchestra, Rhapsody in Blue, Boston Orchestra, cond. by Arthur Fiedler, with J. M. Sommers at the Piano.

"Porgy & Bess," Bess, You Is My Woman Now, Laurence Tibbett (Baritone), and Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orch., Lullaby, Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Chorus & Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcement.

1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Selections from Light Opera.

"The Student Prince"—Vocal Gems (Romberg), Light Opera Company with Orchestra, "The Student Prince"—Selection (Romberg), Savoy Orpheans, "The Lillie Domino"—Waltz Song, June Knight (Soprano) with Orchestra and Male Quartet, "The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (Fraser-Simon), The London Philharmonic Orchestra, "Iolanthe"—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan), Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Old Time Variety.

The Naughty Nineties, Vesta Victoria, Old Time Medley, Old Black Joe (Stephen Foster), Campdown Blues, Uncle Ned, Ring De Banjo (Stephen Foster), Frank Luther and The Lyn Murray Quartet with Piano, Guitar & Violin accompaniment, When Irish Eyes are Smiling (Ball & Others), Phil Regan (Vocal) with Orch., Old Times—Vocal Gems.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Robinson Cleaver at the Organ. Frasnatta Serenade (Lehar), The Whistler and His Dog (Pryor).

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 Selections from Well Known Ballads.

Les Sylphides—Ballet Music (Chopin), London Philharmonic Orchestra, The Swan Lake—Ballet Music (Tchakowsky), (a) The Dance of the Swans, (b) Spanish Dance, London Philharmonic Orchestra, The Golden Cockerell—The Wedding March (Rimsky-Korsakov), The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris, Dance Russe (from "Petrouchka"—Stravinsky, Joseph Sigelt (Violin) with Piano, Nutcracker Suite (Tchakowsky), Waltz of the Flowers, Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

10.0 Dance Music.

11.00 Close Down.

Madrid Dec. 8.

The American Red Cross has arranged to ship 10,000 tons of wheat to Spain to relieve the wheat shortage.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE

The Parcel Post Service to Canton has been resumed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 22nd November) Dec. 14.

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Formosa and Dairen 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

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Wednesday, Dec. 11

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services" 5.30 p.m.

K. P. O.

Reg. Dec. 12, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. Dec. 12, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg. Dec. 12, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. Dec. 12, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Canton 7.15 a.m.

Sandakan 8.30 a.m.

Haliphong 10.30 a.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" 11.30 a.m.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

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Straits and Calcutta

Parcel 10.30 a.m.

Letters 11.30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 13

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta 3.30 p.m.

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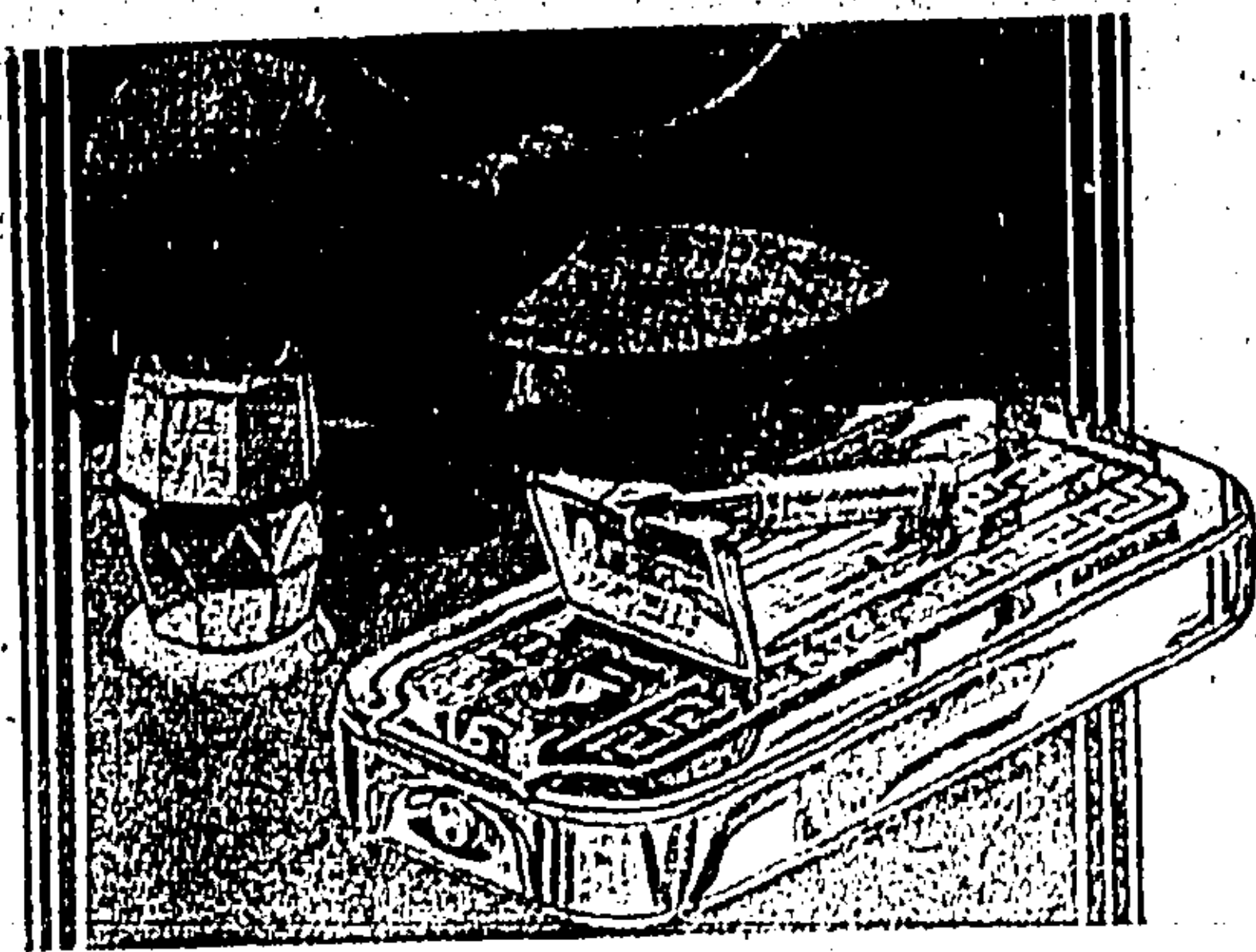
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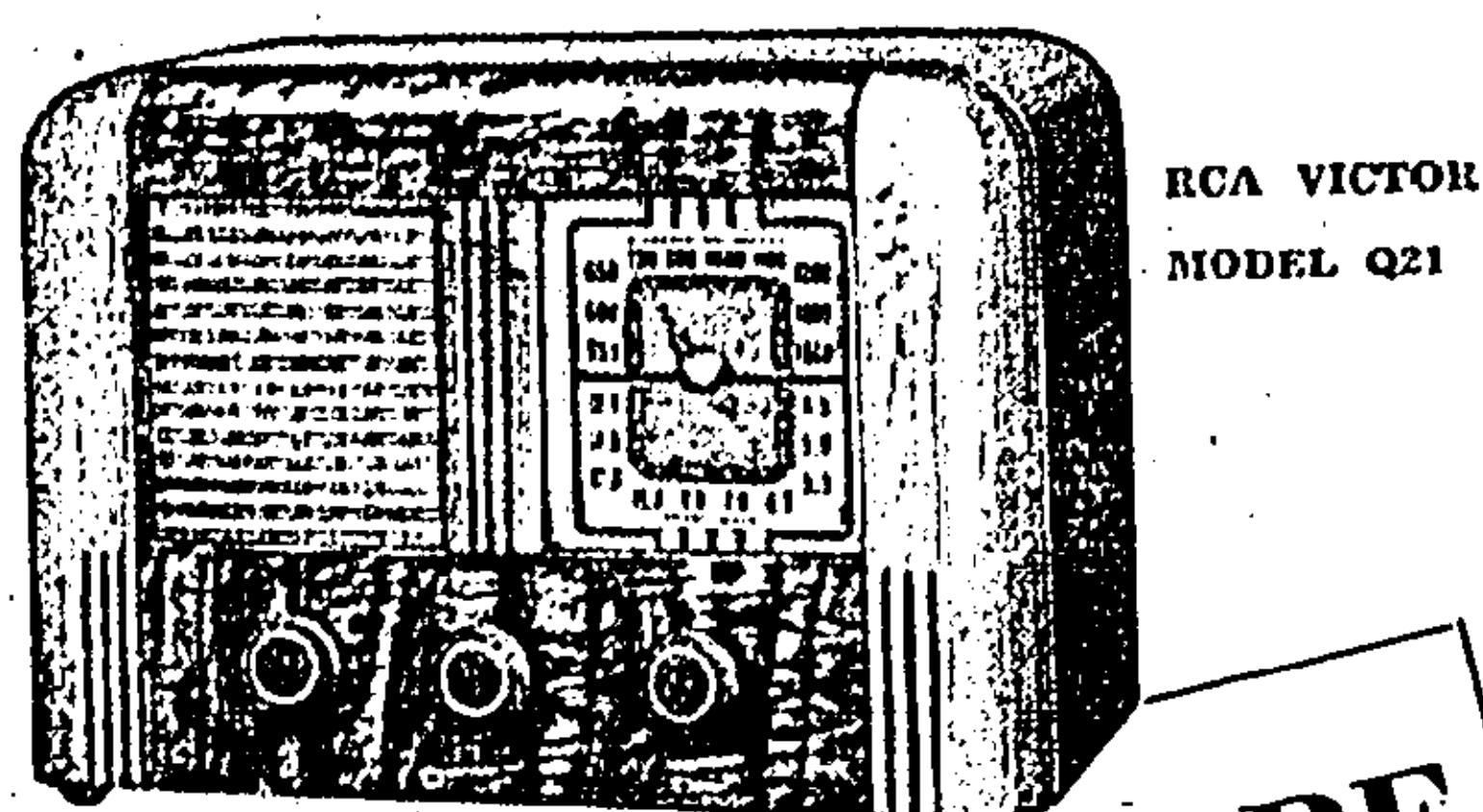
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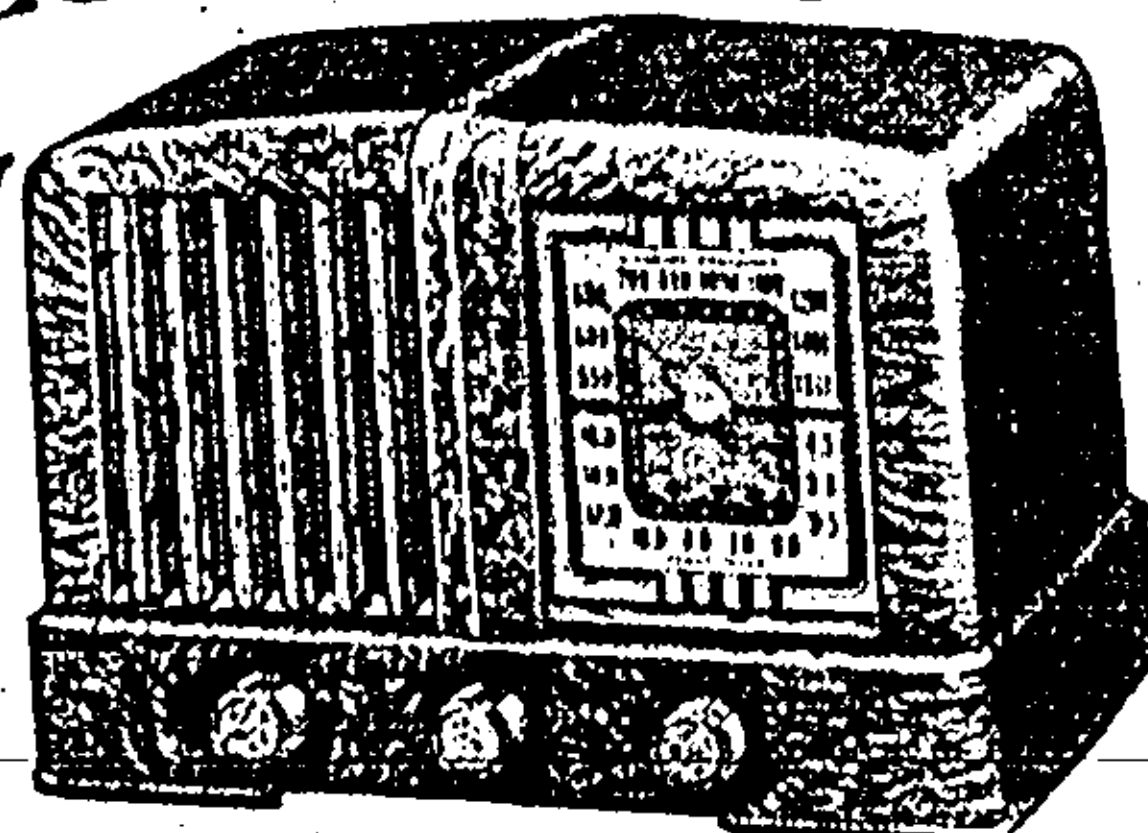
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BRITAIN'S TRADE

THE drop of nearly eight million pounds in Great Britain's export figures for October as compared with September perhaps need some clarification, especially as German propaganda has been quick to seize upon this decline as a proof that the U-boat campaign and bombing raids have been successful. The actual figures for the month show that exports totalled £23,000,000. In September they reached £31,000,000. Imports during the same period totalled £85,000,000—an increase of £23,000,000 over the figure for October of last year and an increase of £4,500,000 over September this year.

While Britain can afford to admit quite frankly that a certain percentage of the decline shown may be due to transport and port difficulties arising from German bombing, that by no means is the whole explanation. In fact, reports have clearly shown that the disruption to business caused by raids has been comparatively small. As an example, Germany claimed that Southampton had been completely devastated; that the people had fled and that it had been converted into a dead city. Yet it is known that the bus service in Southampton was functioning normally within 48 hours of the raid. Buses would hardly be operated in a city that had been "wiped out."

There are, in fact, a number of sound reasons which account for the drop in Britain's export figures for October, the first of which is the change which has been effected in customs procedure, including the abolition for a large proportion of goods consigned to the British Empire, of the system of re-entry of documents before cargoes are shipped. This change resulted in delay in making entries from which the customs returns were compiled for October, but will not recur, while the total will be rectified in the November figures. Apart from this change in procedure, a large reduction has been made in Empire imports of non-essential consumers' goods. This ban on non-essentials, while affecting export figures was made in order to release all possible resources for the war effort. Shipping has thus been made available in

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**Chapter One
MARRIAGE IS THE THING**

The splendid cavalcade clattering into the quiet English village of Meryton that bright May morning, rudely disturbed the sleepy tranquillity of the little town.

Two smartly liveried grooms on horseback preceded the elegant chaise drawn by four horses with uniformed men on its box. Two shining carriages, each drawn by a fine pair, carrying servants, luggage and dogs, followed in the rear.

Not that Meryton had never before seen resplendent retinues. No indeed! The furore, which shook to the depths every home that housed marriageable daughters, was caused by the occupants of the chaise, and by the reason for their arrival.

The two handsome, distinguished gentlemen who rode in the chaise had come to take up permanent residence at Netherfield Park, the finest estate in the country. Better than that—and the glad tidings spread like wildfire to every hearth—Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley were bachelors. Rich, bachelors! The lady who accompanied them was Miss Bingley, who offered no complication inasmuch as she was engaged to a young man from London.

In no household was there more excitement than the Bennets'. Mrs. Bennet was beside herself with joy. And why not? What other Meryton matron had five marriageable daughters, with not a penny of dowry for any of them?

Mrs. Bennet, as would any good mother of that day when matrimony was a girl's only hope and career, pursued husbands for her five girls like a baying hound on the scent of a fox. Not all the charming wit of her eldest, Elizabeth, nor the beauty and modesty of Jane, nor the bespectacled pretensions to intellect of Mary, nor the slighty pursuit of handsome officers by Lydia and Kitty, nor the sardonic humour of her barrister husband could stay her.

Mr. Bennet's casual calm usually kept the household on an even keel. Yet, even his imperturbability threatened to break under Mrs. Bennet's barrage.

"Mr. Bennet," she stormed. "You must go over to Netherfield Park and pay your respects. If you don't, Sir William and Lady Lucas will get there before us. Her pushing way of trying to get her Charlotte married is revolting!" "I'll tell you what I'll do, my dear," he answered blandly. "I'll send over a note, assuring Mr. Bingley and Mr. Darcy of my hearty consent to their marrying whichever they choose of the girls—though I must throw in a word for my Lizzy."

"Elizabeth is not a bit better than the others!" she retorted. "Why do you always give her preference?" "They're all silly and ignorant like most girls," he sighed, "but Lizzy has some glimmerings of sense."

"Mr. Bennet!" Mrs. Bennet's tears began to flow. "How can you be so resigned to your daughters' large measure to re-inforcing and supplying the Middle East armies and in particular, aiding the Greeks, where the presence of men, materials, airforce and navy has been instrumental in encouraging as well as assisting that gallant people in their struggle for liberty."

**PRIDE AND
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GERTRUDE GELBIN

set her mouth angrily and fanned herself to cool her temper. "You mustn't be offended, Lizzy," Charlotte consoled. "He didn't know you could hear."

"What difference does that make?" demanded Elizabeth furiously. "It's not my hearing that matters—it's the fact that he said it! The complacent, self-satisfied arrogance of the man! Oh, it makes me so angry!"

A young man advanced and claimed Charlotte for the next dance. Elizabeth took a seat along the wall. In another moment, Sir William approached with Darcy.

"Miss Elizabeth," beamed Sir William, "may I have the honour to present Mr. Darcy? He is eager to invite you to dance."

Darcy smiled at her. "Now that you have been forewarned of my eagerness to dance with you, may I hope you will do me the honour?"

Elizabeth smiled back coolly. "I'm afraid the honour of standing up with you is more than I could bear, Mr. Darcy. Pray excuse me."

He stared at her in amazement. "Are you saying you don't care to dance with me, Miss Bennet?"

Elizabeth's smile gave way to stony pride. "I'm begging to be excused, sir."

"It's my loss, I'm sure," he answered coldly.

"You perhaps know best about that, sir," was her calm rejoinder.

At that moment, Mr. Wickham, Lydia's officer, appeared. He greeted Elizabeth, then turned to Darcy with smiling, good humour. Darcy stared at him, his face darkening.

"Mr. Darcy," said Elizabeth, "may I present Mr. Wickham?"

"Mr. Darcy and I have met before," Wickham said casually. Darcy, making no movement of salutation toward Wickham, bowed stiffly to Elizabeth and walked away.

She stared after him, astonished and incensed by his manner. "The man must be mad," she said.

"Mad?" Wickham smiled. "You're too charitable, Miss Elizabeth. If you were better acquainted with him, you would see another man."

"Have you known him a long time?" she asked in amazement.

"Since childhood. But, as you saw, we're not on friendly terms. You see—well—my father was steward of the Darcy estates."

Elizabeth blushed for Darcy's snobbish pride. "Without knowing anything more, I'm on your side," she cried.

Jane, meanwhile, was glowing with the delight of being presented by Mr. Bingley to his sister.

"When one's accustomed to the fashionable world of London," Miss Bingley remarked, then stopped with an elegant, deprecating gesture. "Frankly, Miss Jane, you strike me as the only civilised person in the room."

"Oh, you're unfair to the others," Jane protested. Miss Bingley patted her arm patronisingly. "Sweet child. What a charming disposition. You must come over to Netherfield one day. I shall be so bored, you know, marooned out here in the wilderness. We'll arrange it, shall we? Very soon!"

What happens when Jane visits the Bingley estate? Will Elizabeth see Darcy again? Read to-morrow's chapter.

**The
Mere
Man**

Control Of Rice Prices

Government last week accomplished a very timely act by fixing the retail prices of rice which had gone up out of all proportion to the real situation and which, but for official action, would certainly have been forced even higher. But let the Government not stop there. It should at once proceed to re-examine the situation as a whole and devise means to ensure that in future prices will not have to be pegged any higher than they are.

Distress, widespread as it is, would only be made the more severe if, through lack of foresight and preparation, any real increase in the cost of rice imports should result in the fixing of new maximum prices, thus passing the burden back upon the suffering poor. If cheap rice can be guaranteed only at financial loss, then Government should be ready to meet it with taxpayers' money, and taxpayers, I am sure, would be willing to face sacrifice.

Chinese Success In Hupeh

It may be that the Sino-Japanese war has lasted too long to command more than the ordinary interest of the average newspaper reader; ever spectacular events do not seem to be impressive. Whatever the reason, the recent Japanese operations in Hupeh and the successful Chinese counter-measures do not appear to be so generally talked about as other similarly significant moves in the past. Tairchwang exploded the myth of Japanese invincibility and gave China new hope; the latest Hupeh battle, in which the Chinese ran rings round their adversary, is the fulfilment of that hope.

"Ran rings round their adversary" is right, too. The Japanese, who have always fought according to the book with much ingenuity or resourcefulness, once again tried their much-touted pincer movement. The Chinese anticipated the whole tactical design, and cleverly manoeuvred themselves so that the Japanese had nothing worth while around which to close their pincers. It was the Japanese who were surrounded.

There has been a paucity of news about this battle, but there seems to be no doubt that the Chinese have scored a victory sufficiently effective to prove that the hope engendered at Tairchwang was based on something solid. The Hupeh battle is not the end of the war; more battles, perhaps, will still have to be fought; but henceforth, confidence will do much to help Chinese arms and hasten the day of reckoning for Japan.

General Li Tsung-jen, the genius of Tairchwang, has scored another brilliant success. One of the "Big Two" of Kwangsi, he has shown that he and General Pai Chung-hai more than earn the trust reposed in them by the Central Government and the Chinese people.

Are the people who give news to reporters more modest nowadays, or less sure of themselves, or are reporters getting their information from other than properly authoritative sources and attempting to hide this fact? In any event, I notice that, in other countries as well as in Hongkong, anonymity holds sway.

Speaking as an ordinary newspaper reader, my favourite character nowadays is either "Government spokesman" or "Leading authority." I am not sure which. "Military expert" comes in for a favourite place.

"Leading authority" scored very heavily the other day. He "declared" that the figures of non-combatants killed in recent raids on London are small compared with the total civil population or with the losses of the fighting services in this or the last war.

To reach that conclusion, it is necessary to be a leading authority. No ordinary person would ever suspect such a thing.

Then there is a "high official" who says that "there are only two alternatives before the Italians—to retreat or to fight on."

There are also "Government circles."

How lucky we all are to be surrounded, hedged in and propped up by so many cohorts of brilliant—but mysterious—chatterboxes!

—Claudius

RARE FOSSIL IS DISCOVERED

Skeleton of Uintatherium

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—Prize fossil find of the season, a nearly complete skeleton of the elephant-sized six-horned beast known as Uintatherium, which dominated the primitive forests about 30 million years ago, has been dug up in southern Wyoming by Dr. Charles L. Gazin, Smithsonian Institution paleontologist.

Bones of this strange giant mammal are common enough, but a skeleton with only a few parts missing is one of the greatest of scientific rarities. Dr. Gazin's find lacks only one hind leg, part of a foreleg, and the neck vertebrae.

The yard-long skull is in exceptionally good condition, although the lower jaw is considerably crushed. There is also a second skull, including one of the beak-like down-pointed tusks about a foot long.

The skeleton is expected to become one of the prize exhibits in the U.S. National Museum, after it has been freed from the matrix of hardened clay in which it is embedded, and properly mounted up. This work may require as much as a year.

Uintatheres probably dominated the woods of the West in mid-Eocene time, approximately 30 million years ago, as elephants dominate the forests of India to-day. They were nearly as large as elephants, although their general outlines more nearly resembled those of a giant rhinoceros. However, they were not at all closely related to either, or to any other animal now in existence. Their whole line passed suddenly out of existence, many millions of years ago—no one knows why.



JOHN ROOSEVELT SIGNS.—John Roosevelt, 24, youngest son of the President, registers for draft at Nahant, Mass. Teachers acting as registrars draw lots for privilege of filling out his card. Miss Mary Shea, right, won.

Americans Are Proud Of English Blood

IN this war nations may remain neutral; but the people of those nations do not, said Miss Dorothy Thompson, the American publicist, in a talk which was recorded in London and broadcast. "You, fighting there on the British Isles, are fighting not only for the security of all free men, but for all our dreams of a better future," she said.

"And you will win this war. You will win it because, although England can lose a war, mankind cannot lose a war."

"The world isn't going to live on Hitler's terms. In all your distress and suffering be sure of that. The world knows its enemy."

"Over here we are a mixture of races. Few of us have thought to recall our English blood, but to-day we are proud of it. We brag of it."

Miss Thompson said that while the whole world was struggling towards a better light, there was a realization that we had not used our resources as we should have done.

"We all have bad consciences. We all know that it is a crime that in the Twentieth Century, and before this war began, men and women should be unemployed, or living in slums, and badly fed and inadequately clothed."

"The democratic world is paying for its complacency about these things, and Hitler knows how to exploit our bad consciences."

GERMAN BROS. ARGUED AS PLANE FELL

This is the story of two German brothers, who set out to raid England in the same aircraft. One of them is dead, the other a prisoner.

In one of the mass raids by the Luftwaffe over the Thames Estuary area, their machine was badly damaged. It meant a forced landing.

Below them was a village. One brother, desperate to strike a last blow for the Fatherland, decided that the best thing they could do was to crash their machine into it.

The other refused to take civilian life so wantonly. He saw a clear field ahead, and wanted to risk a landing there. As the plane fell lower, the two brothers argued.

But the one who had some little decency held out. He would not crash the plane into the village.

So the other, as well as the third member of the crew of four, jumped with their parachutes.

The plane crashed just beyond the village.

TWO NEWSPAPER OFFICES SUFFER RAID DAMAGE

Two newspaper offices were damaged during recent night raids on London.

One was the office of the "Daily Herald," the other that of the "Evening Standard."

A high explosive bomb dropped on the roof of the "Evening Standard" office, narrowly missing two "spotters," and penetrating a 150,000-gallon water-tank, which prevented an outbreak of fire.

Some of the machinery was damaged.

The bomb that fell near the "Daily Herald" office shattered a number of windows and did some damage to the office buildings.

Nobody was injured by either bomb, and the publication of both newspapers proceeded without delay.

"NO TIPPING" HOTELS

The "service charge" of ten per cent in lieu of tips, introduced in L.N.E.R. restaurant cars last April, is now to come into force throughout all L.N.E.R. hotels, the proceeds being divided among the staff. These hotels are the only ones running a scheme of the kind at present.

New Airway Among Good Neighbours

By LUIS J. ZALAMEA
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (UPI).—

The creation of a "good neighbour skyway" to foster closer hemispheric relations is being planned by the Inter-American Escadrille—an organization devoted to promoting the ideals of continental solidarity using aviation as a medium.

The Escadrille has a twofold plan to bring the Americas to closer understanding and friendship:

Firstly, by bringing together, in an international organization, the thousands of private fliers in the United States and the American republics, and by fostering the instruction of new pilots; and

Secondly, by providing an international airway to be known as the "Good Neighbour Skyway."

It is hoped that the skyway will set in motion an ever-increasing stream of private airmen who will help materially to "shrink the hemisphere into a community of neighbours." This stream will be swelled by the many pilots now being trained in American colleges and in Latin America.

The importance of the skyway in the hemisphere defence plans is evident, according to Escadrille officers who estimated that \$150,000 would be needed to organize the scheme under government supervision.

1,500 GIRLS GET Keep-at-it Badges

About 1,500 girls and 500 men—the entire staff of a north-west shadow factory working for the Air Ministry—are to receive the new "Keep-at-it" badges, for staying at work during raids.

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Said a works official: "The workers here are magnificent. They are as much in the front line as soldiers are. Some of the girls have asked if some machinery could be put in the shelters so that they needn't stop at all."

CANADA'S NEW FLAG

The new Royal Canadian Air Force Flag has been flown for the first time at the station of one of the Canadian squadrons now in England. It is similar to that of the R.A.F., with the Union Jack in the top right-hand corner, but the maple leaf replaces the red dot on a white background.

Malaya Wants Reserves Of Anti-Malaria Drugs

Interruptions in the delivery to Malaya of supplies of quinine and certain synthetic drugs have prompted the Malaria Advisory Board to advise estate agencies of the necessity of building up reserve stocks.

At a recent meeting of the Board, a member stated that the delivery to Malaya of supplies of quinine and synthetic drugs had been interrupted during the past few months.

The position so far as quinine supplies for use on estates and mines was concerned could be rectified by their hospitals and dispensaries laying down a year's reserve supply.

There was still time to do that, and in order to expedite action the Board could usefully circulate estate agencies on the question.

Some co-ordinating central organization responsible for giving manufacturers sound information as to supplies required in Malaya seemed not only desirable but important. For the purpose of estimating those requirements it was necessary to draw attention to the fact that drugs of the atabrin class were used not only in the treatment of malaria but for its prevention.

That was an important point because, although a reasonably accurate estimate of the quantities required for treatment could be made from official statistics of malaria admissions to Government and estate hospitals, it would be much more difficult to estimate the amount used prophylactically.

The Senior Malaria Research Officer stated that he had been informed that the Adviser, Medical Services, was making inquiries as to the stocks of anti-malarial drugs available in the country.

He understood that considerable stocks were held by the State Medical Department and that had been confirmed by the State medical and health officers. Regarding quinine, nine-tenths of the world supplies came from the Netherlands Indies and a large stock was also held in India.

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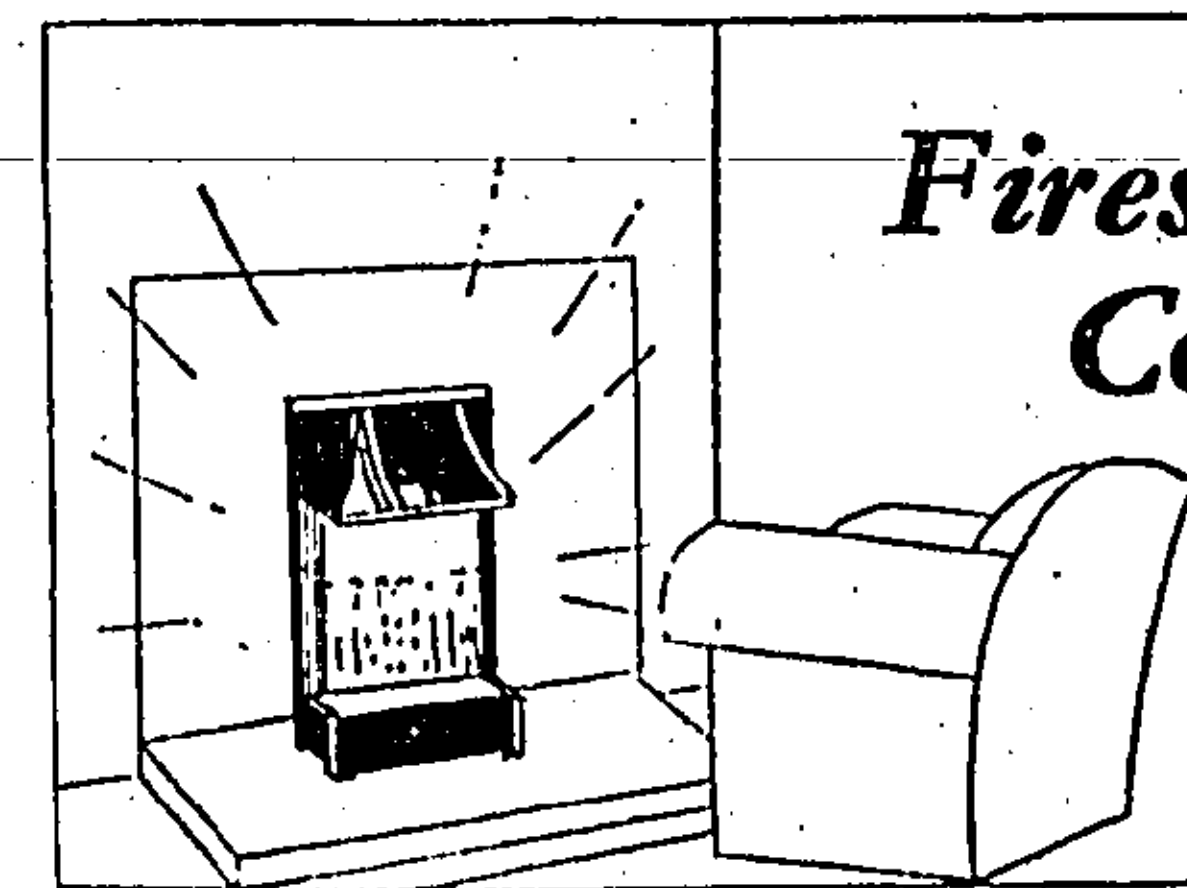
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SING TAO AVERT DEFEAT WITH LAST MINUTE GOALS

Eastern Forwards Thrill Record Crowd: Defence In Great Form

(By "SCRAMBLER")

IN A THRILLING encounter before a record crowd for a local league game at Caroline Hill yesterday, Eastern and Sing Tao played a drawn game of two goals all, each scoring in each half of the game. It was a match where the defences were most to the fore, and Eastern had a lot to be thankful for, for if their rearguard had not come up to expectation towards the end of the game, Sing Tao would have snatched a last minute victory.

The game was fast and furious right from the start. Eastern got off to an early goal, for right after Cheung Wing-choi made two spectacular saves in quick succession, one from a free kick taken by Hsu King-seng and the other from Hau Ching-tau from close quarter, Lee Tin-sang miskicked to allow V. K. Hyui to follow up to net from close in. Less than three minutes later Eastern increased their lead for from a foul against Lee Tin-sang, Hsu King-seng took the kick just outside the area for Hau Ching-tau to push the ball into the net from close range.

Play thereafter developed into a defensive game for Sing Tao. Eastern inspired by a two goal lead kept pegging away, and it was the magnificent goal keeping of Cheung Wing-choi that kept the score down. At this stage Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang were doing great work also.

A REJUVENATED TEAM

After the interval, it was a rejuvenated Sing Tao team that took the field, and had they swung the ball around a little more they would have been rewarded with at least one goal. As it was, they persisted in a series of short passing bouts that got them nowhere. On the other hand Eastern were inclined to take matters easy, and indulged in too many childish pranks, Hau Ching-tau being the chief offender.

Play was very even, and Sing Tao had more of the ball than their opponents, but passes often went astray, and again it was the defence that took the eye. Cheung Wing-choi saved on several occasions by his clever anticipations, and at the other end, his opposite Lau Hin-hon was also called upon to clear his charge. Several attempts at goal by the Sing Tao's forwards went wild either through hefty kicking or too much close passing.

Six minutes from the end, Sing Tao obtained their first goal, for after a series of attacks that had Eastern confined to a defensive game, a corner taken by Lau Tsum-man was cleverly headed into the net by Kwok Yung-kie.

Spurred by this goal, Eastern were given a gruelling time, and again after many attempts at goal, Sing Tao drew the equaliser, as after Lau Hin-hon effected an easy save from Lai Shui-wing, he threw the ball out to his men only to see Fung King-cheung snapping it up to tap it into the right hand corner of the net. Prior to this Lai Shui-wing had a glorious chance of scoring, but in standing

himself, he allowed Yim Sze-nam to put him off.

FORWARDS v. DEFENCES

On the whole a draw was a fair reflection of the game, for during the first period it was Eastern that dominated the attack, and in the second, Sing Tao came back into the picture and gave their opponents a hot time.

It was the superb goal keeping of Cheung Wing-choi that saved Sing Tao from a heavier defeat. This keeper was way ahead of Lau Hin-hon, and gave a very fine performance. The latter was inclined to hang on to the ball, and it was from his throwing some away when pressed that the second goal was scored. Eastern's pair of backs, Kong Sing-king and Yim Sze-nam, the latter a new comer played a very steady game, their combination was better than Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang. Hau Yung-sang did not appear to be comfortable against the nippy Hau Ching-tau, perhaps it was due to Leung Wing-chiu giving this winger too much rope. With the exception of the miskick, Lee Tin-sang gave his usual performance.

The intermediate trio of Lau Tsi-chang, Hsu King-seng and Ng Kee-cheung were better than Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing and Tsui Ah-fai as a combination. There was more harmony and cohesion in their play than in the opposite trio, for they had their work cut down to a great degree by clever positionings and anticipations. Soong Ling-sing as an individual played as well as could be expected, and most of the work fell on his shoulders, for with Tsui Ah-fai as a complete failure as a wing half, and Leung Wing-chiu inclined to playing as a second pivot, he had to shoulder their responsibilities.

VIRILE FORWARDS

Eastern's quintettes of Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K.

KWONG WAH OUT-PLAY CLUB IN CHARITY MATCH

IN a game that was devoid of science and skill, Kwong Wah obtained their first full two points on Saturday at Boundary Street Ground at the expense of the Club by the odd goal in seven. The game was played under the distinguished patronage of H. E. Major General A. E. Grasett, the proceeds of which were for the fund in aid of The Hongkong Refugee & Social Welfare Council.

Club gave a very poor display. With the exception of Strange and Eardley in the defence and Fowler and Bickford in the forward line, the rest of the team did not come up to expectation. There was a complete lack of understanding among the players, and Odell in goal was disappointing, being shaky under pressure and lacked confidence.

DEFENCE DEMORALISED

Kwong Wah's defence was inclined to too much individualistic play, and the bustling methods of Fowler were somewhat demoralising to them. Lee Kwok-kee gave a very polished display between the sticks, and the goals scored against him were not his fault. In the forward line, Cheuk Shek-kam, Chin Chi-fun and Wong King-chung combined to a nicely, and there was always more danger from these three when they got going.

Chin Chi-fun opened the scoring for Kwong Wah's account when he dashed in to put them in the lead. Odell was waiting for the approach of the ball. This score was soon levelled as from a corner-kick Fowler headed in from a pass by Bickford. Fowler scored a fine goal just before the interval.

KWONG WAH IMPROVE

After the lemon, Kwong Wah improved whereas Club fell badly away. After a short attack Cheuk Shek-kam equalised with a fine goal and immediately from the rebound Lau Fook-chuen after evading two players passed the ball to Chin Chi-fun who made no mistake about scoring. Still pegging away, Kwong Wah made matters certain when Wong King-chung scored into an empty net after Odell had left his charge. Fowler reduced the lead to one goal, but he was thus bringing off his "hat-trick".

Kwong Wah: Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fui-lum, Leung Pak-wah; Lee Wah-chi, Cheung Kim-fai, Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong King-chung. Club: Skinner, Upton, Gow; Gratton Scott, Fowler, Bickford, Hopkinson.

Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-tau were always dangerous on the move, and it would be hard to single out any of these five for praise. Hau Ching-tau once again with his opportunism scored a nice goal, and his speed and deceptive swerving had the defenders guessing time and again. Tsao was another player that worked hard and got his men together.

Sing Tao's forwards were not very much at home in the first half, for they found the constant close attention of their dislike, especially the watch kept over their wizard, Fung King-cheung by the pivot Hau King-sing. The inside trio did not strike up an understanding till late, and when once they got started, their close passing bouts lost them much territory. Passes, as was stated, to the wings often went wide. Lau Tsum-man sent across many nice centres and on the whole played quite well, but the same could not be said of Tang Kwong-sum.

Eastern: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king, Yim Sze-nam; Lau Tsi-chang, Hau King-sang, Ng Kee-cheung; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao, Hau Ching-tau. Sing Tao: Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing, Tsui Ah-fai; Tang Kwong-sum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung; Kwok Yung-kie, Lau Tsum-man.

WELL CLEARED!



Relieving pressure during the Kwong Wah-Hongkong F.C. First Divisional League soccer game at Boundary Street on Saturday. The proceeds from this match were devoted to Charity.—Ming Yuen.

Lawn Bowls

St. Andrew's Society Beat St. George's

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY recorded a win over St. George's Society in the annual lawn bowls match played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday. Six rinks took part, and the final scores were 153 shots to 96.

Week-End Cricket Honours List

Batting

K. Y. Tam (University)	100*
J. F. Lawrence (H.K.C.C.)	100
F. E. Lawrence (C.S.C.C.)	72
W. H. Colledge (C.S.C.C.)	49
G. Hong Choy (H. K. U.)	48*
K. R. West (H.M.S. Tamar)	42

Bowling

G. Asome (St. Joseph's), 6 for 45	
J. Macdonald (D.B.S.), 7 for 14	
A. E. Carey (Police), 5 for 23	
Lockhurst (R.A.P.C.), 5 for 32	
L. Remedios (Schools), 5 for 33	
Brown (School), 5 for 35	
G. Sousa (C.C.C.), 5 for 63	

Cricket

Kowloon C. C. Easily Beat Army XI

IN AN ALL-DAY cricket match at the Kowloon Cricket Club, Army were beaten by the home side by seven wickets in a low scoring game. Army batted first, and following an early collapse, J. Webb and A. Thropp came together, and it was mainly through their efforts that even 92 was reached.

Steady contributions from Kowloon's first four batsmen gave them victory.

Bowling honours were shared by F. R. Zimmermann, 4 for 32, and E. Curtis, 3 for 21.

Army			
C. Logan, c E. C. Fletcher, b F. Zimmermann	0	1	1
J. F. Lawrence, lbw, b Lloyd	1	1	1
F. Aspinall, run out	1	1	1
J. Webb, c R. P. F. Zimmermann	27	1	1
A. Thropp, not out	1	1	1
D. G. Denyer, b F. Zimmermann	1	1	1
B. A. Fergus, b F. Zimmermann	1	1	1
T. Bailey, lbw, b Curtis	18	1	1
Extras	1	1	1
Total	52		

Bowling Analysis			
F. R. Zimmermann	0	M. R. W.	
Lloyd	8	1	32
Curtis	4	1	21

Kowloon			
D. J. N. Anderson, c Logan b Fergus	13		
D. Huns, c Thropp, b Fergus	33		
F. P. Fletcher, lbw, b French	10		
F. E. Mackay, not out	1		
A. Zimmermann, not out	1		
Extras	1		
Total	60		

Three wickets for F. R. Zimmermann, E. C. Fletcher, W. L.

H. K. S. R. A. "A" Win K. O. Y. L. I. Polo Cup

H.K.S.R.A. "A" convincingly secured the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry polo cup when they beat the H.K.S.R.A. "B" by 12 goals to two in the Cup final at Boundary Street on Saturday.

His Excellency, Maj-Gen. A. E. Grasett was among the large crowd of spectators.

Lucky Cash Sweep Numbers At Macao

Results of the cash sweeps for yesterday's meeting of the Macao Jockey Club were:

Race No. 1.	
No. 65	\$247.00
" 421	70.00
" 107	35.30

Race No. 2.	
No. 240	\$259.50
" 173	74.10
" 460	37.10

Race No. 3.	
No. 90	\$201.10
" 107	83.10
" 159	41.00

Race No. 4.	
No. 166	\$204.40
" 224	53.40
" 104	29.20

Race No. 5.	
No. 18270	\$8,074.43
" 1224	2,476.40
" 1293	1,220.20

Race No. 6.	
No. 75	\$294.00
" 17	83.90
" 140	42.00

Unplaced ponies (\$23.30) No. 117

Referees' Assn. Annual Dinner

The Hongkong Football Referees' Association held their Annual dinner on Saturday night at the Hotel Cecil. A large attendance was present which was presided over by Mr. Hugh A. Beard.

In the course of his toast to the Hongkong Football Association, Mr. Minihan stressed the fact that no time was a better harmonious relationship existing between them and the Association than at present, and any rumours which they hear are not only baseless but groundless. After dinner entertainment was provided in the form of a concert.

"A" dominated play from the commencement, and throughout maintained an excellent standard of play. Against such opposition, "B" strove hard but were unable to produce form capable of holding their opponents. In contrast to "A's" superb management of the ball, "B" were, on occasions, surprisingly poor.

"A" team maintained their brilliance throughout the match. Not even when they were comfortably established did they relax. Six of their goals were scored by L. B. R. Smith, who was remarkably accurate. Smith opened the scoring in the first chukker, and this was followed by one from Major W. Wilson. Major R. Penfold obtained possession from the throw-in and centered down field to record the third and finally Smith following Penfold in a fine run secured the fourth.

LEAD REDUCED

CAPT. A. ATKINSON, who was playing a great game for the losers, reduced the lead in the second chukker, and at the beginning of the third notched another, but "A" were on the mark again, and through Wilson and Penfold, four further goals were chalked up.

Thus leading by six clear goals in the final chukker, Smith came into his own and tallied all four goals of that period for the winners. The teams were:

H.K.S.R.A. "A"—Lt. L. Fielden, Major R. Penfold, Major W. Wilson and Lt. B. Smith.
H.K.S.R.A. "B"—Capt. H. Duncan, Major C. Fisher, Capt. J. Munro and Capt. A. Atkinson.

PRIZES PRESENTED

Following the game, the prizes were distributed by Mr. W. T. Stanton who was thanked by Lt. Fielden.

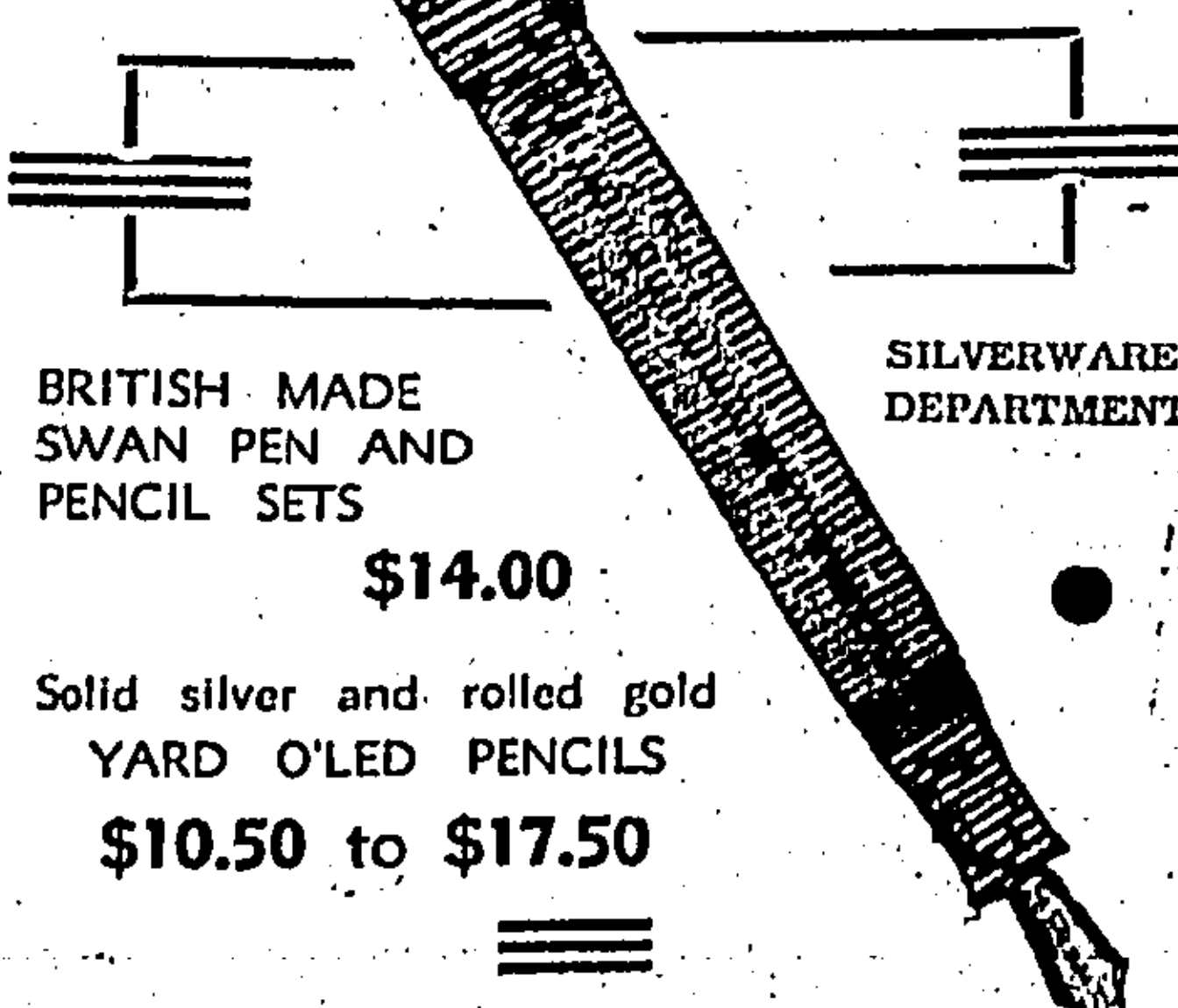
Subsidiary Cup

FIRST GAME of the afternoon was one between Middlesex Regiment and Fixed Defences for a "Subsidiary Cup" and this was won deservedly by Fixed Defences by four goals to nil.



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CAPTURED BY BRITISH—Major General Romolo is Struelli, left, chats with fellow Italian officers at a prison camp "somewhere in Africa," after their capture by the British in Libya.

Italians In Retreat: Turkey May Mediate

The Greek forces have captured Sante Quaranti, now known as Aglissaranda, from where they are continuing their advance. The fall of Argyrocastron is not yet confirmed.

The Italian change of command has caused a sensation in Rome. The new Field Marshal, General Cavallero, is a blitzkrieg expert. Another change has taken place with the resignation of General Devecchi, Governor of the Italian Dodecanese. His successor is General Bastico, one of the original Fascist chiefs.

Admiral Cavagnari, Chief of the Italian Naval Staff, has been relieved of his post at his own request and succeeded by Admiral Riccardi.

In reply to a message from King George of Greece, President Roosevelt has promised Greece aid. The kind of aid has not been specified, but reports state that it will include any war material that America can spare without affecting Britain's share.

Reports from Belgrade state that Herr von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, has influenced M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, to mediate with General Metaxas, Greek Premier, in the Italo-Greek war. Other sources do not think that this will prove effective.

The armed merchant cruiser, Carnarvon Castle, which was damaged in an engagement with a Nazi raider in the South Atlantic on Friday, has put into Montevideo with seven dead and 10 wounded seamen. Repairs are not expected to take longer than three days.

Athens, Dec. 7.

It is unofficially estimated that Italy has 240,000 to 250,000 troops in Albania, while Greece has 600,000 men mobilised, of whom one third is at the front.

It is believed that at the beginning of the war Italy had 13 to 16 divisions in Albania, after which three more divisions were sent to Albania.

Informed circles in Budapest estimate that there are 350,000 Italians in Albania.—United Press.

Premeditation

Athens, Dec. 8.

The extent of the premeditation of the Italian attack on Greece is proved by documents found by the Greeks in their advance into Albania. Photostatic copies of them were shown to newspapermen to-day by the Greek government spokesman.

They include orders to annihilate the Greek frontier guards by surprise and a proclamation dated October 28 (two days before Italy sent the ultimatum to Greece) was issued to the Ferrara division saying:—"We are looking forward into Epirus. The day has come. We must conquer."

—Reuter.

Smuggled Gold Haul

'On B. & S. Ship At S'hai At Charity Bazaar

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

One of the largest hauls of smuggled gold in recent years was made on Friday when Customs searchers swooped down on the Butterfield and Swire steamer Hsin Peking as it docked from Tientsin. They found a cache of 55 gold bars, valued \$320,000.

Though no arrests have been made, it is thought crew members tried to smuggle the gold into Shanghai.

On past occasions large quantities of gold and other precious metals have been smuggled into International Settlement from points in occupied China to prevent seizure by the Japanese.—Reuter.

SOONG SISTERS

At Charity Bazaar

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and Mesdames Sun Yat-sen, H. H. Kung, Liu Chung-hoi and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chen, were among the visitors, on Saturday to the three-day charity bazaar at the Chinese Recreation Club grounds. A number of purchases from the various stalls were made by the distinguished visitors.

Large crowds thronged the spacious grounds during the week-end, and special attractions were arranged for yesterday. Sing-song girls from West Point and a number of Chinese film actresses put on impromptu acts during the evening.

The function was in aid of funds for the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association. The corps of helpers was under the direction of Mrs. Rose Tan.

In Aid Of M.C.L.

A charity bazaar in aid of the Ministering Children's League was held at St. Paul's Girls' College on Saturday.

More than \$2,000 was taken in within a few hours.

The opening ceremony was performed by Miss Tsang Po-shan, M.A., who was a graduate of Westfield College, London, and principal of Yee-fong College in Changsha. Her agent-grandfather was Marquis Tsang, a scholar, soldier and statesman in the Ching Dynasty.

St. Stephens

The opening ceremony at the St. Stephens' Girls' College annual charity sale and sale of work, was performed by Miss J. R. Taylor, a former acting Headmistress of the College. In the lower hall in the presence of a large gathering of students and friends, on Saturday. Immediately after this, the stalls received eager patronage, and the sales—along with the proceeds from the concert in the evening—must have been most gratifying.

Christ Church Fete

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, a most enjoyable Fun Fair and Sale of Work was held in the grounds of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, on Saturday. The function was opened by Miss Rosamund Kung.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, says:

The market continues its upward trend with sustained enquiries at higher rates. Though the turnover is not big, any shares offered are readily absorbed, and better prices are obtainable for larger parcels of shares.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,320
Union Ins. \$391
Wharves \$90
Docks "O" \$17.70
Docks "N" \$17
Providents \$5.45
Humphreys \$7.40
Realities \$3.60
Trams \$17.30
Star Ferries \$50

Yau-mat Ferries \$23
Lights "O" C.D. \$7.20
Lights "N" C.D. \$6.90
Electric "O" \$3.50
Electric "N" \$3.25
Sundakan Lights \$11.20
Telephones "O" \$24.75
Telephones "N" \$10.10
Cements \$18
Ropes \$6.90
Daily Farms \$18.75
Watsons \$3.50

Entertainments \$6.80
Constructions "O" \$1.60
Marsman Inv. H.K. 2/0

Sellers

Docks "O" \$18
Watsons \$10.75
Vibro Piling \$7.80
Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,325
Docks "O" \$18
Providents \$5.45/5.50
Lands \$33.25
Trams \$17.40
Cements \$18
Ropes \$7
Watsons \$10.50

Crossword Puzzle

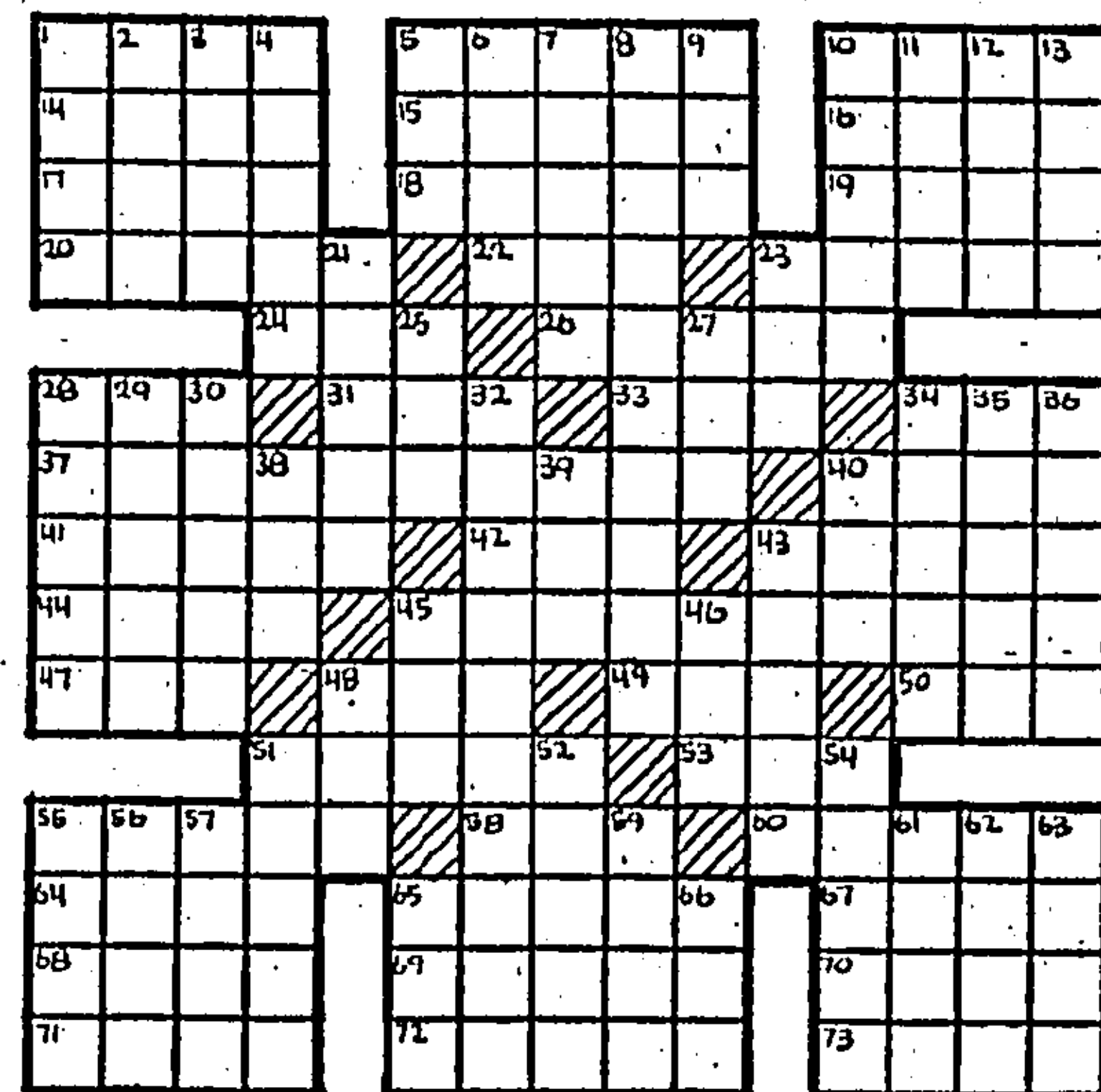
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Pull away
- 2—City of approval
- 3—Cook
- 4—Combining form
- 5—Equal
- 6—Enthusiastic
- 7—Solid at heart
- 8—Mr. Whymmer
- 9—Puneral song
- 10—Otherwise
- 11—Old German coin
- 12—Lash Aurea Harry
- 13—Thoughts
- 14—Short swim
- 15—Anasthetic
- 16—Unlashed cat
- 17—River in Switzerland
- 18—Rival
- 19—Explanatory notes
- 20—Father (diminutive)
- 21—Path of heavenly
- 22—Denial
- 23—Biblical character
- 24—One who devours
- 25—Denial
- 26—Kentucky blue-grass
- 27—Downy
- 28—And not
- 29—Openwork fabric
- 30—Shallow cavity
- 31—Coat worn by
- 32—Deck of battleship
- 33—Japanese coin
- 34—Stories
- 35—Ingle
- 36—Charger
- 37—Firearm in number
- 38—Pathway

DOWN

- 1—Locate exactly
- 2—County in Iowa
- 3—By word of mouth
- 4—Telegraphed
- 5—Slipping place
- 6—Railroad track
- 7—Outside
- 8—One who eats no meat
- 9—Unworked metal
- 10—Wasp
- 11—Tas
- 12—Gravel
- 13—Useless plant
- 14—Join securely
- 15—That woman's
- 16—Held tightly
- 17—Dried grasses
- 18—Fruit of oak
- 19—Chosen
- 20—Shut in by arms
- 21—Of land
- 22—Daughter of father's second wife
- 23—Kind of palm
- 24—Fat
- 25—Exploded
- 26—Legal profession
- 27—Iron
- 28—Distress signal
- 29—Pole
- 30—Dip slightly
- 31—Fragrant
- 32—Requirements
- 33—Invest burning
- 34—Dispatch
- 35—Look amorously
- 36—Aired aquiline color
- 37—Terra firma
- 38—Roman emperor
- 39—Informal
- 40—Ireland
- 41—Plant embryo
- 42—Waiting place
- 43—Spanish gentleman



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NANCY

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SUBMARINE WAR

Changes Expected At British Admiralty

London, Dec. 7. A shake-up of the High Command of the Navy is believed to be imminent, with the aim of putting up a stronger campaign against U-boats and other commerce raiders.

With British ships going down at the rate of 4,000,000 tons a year, the protection of commerce routes and the acquisition of new tonnage becomes Britain's most urgent problem.

Parliament and the Press are demanding more energetic counter-measures. Some newspapers forecast a naval shake-up including the replacement of Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, First Sea Lord, by a younger officer.

A minor shake-up was achieved several weeks ago when Admiral John C. Tovey was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, succeeding Admiral Sir Charles Forbes.

It is expected that the Home Fleet will adopt more aggressive tactics against U-boat fleets, especially on the French coast, as well as against U-boats and surface raiders now at large on the high seas from the South Atlantic to the Pacific.

Shipping experts doubt that British shipyards can greatly increase their output under the present conditions, and it is understood that an Admiralty Commission, which has been making a tour of United States shipyards, is not optimistic regarding United States production.

It is pointed out that the United States in 1914 produced only 94 ships of 201,000 tons, but when it reached the war stride in 1918 it produced 929 ships of 3,033,000 tons.—United Press.

Mussolini's Claim

Rome, Dec. 7. Signor Mussolini's Milan newspaper, *Popolo d'Italia*, reveals that a whole fleet of Italian submarines are operating in the Atlantic which, since Italy's entrance into the war, sank a total of 112,000 tons of British shipping, representing 12 British ships which were sent to the bottom since last August, on which date the first Italian action took place in the Atlantic.—United Press.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Ginling College was celebrated by alumnae of the Hongkong Branch with a thanksgiving service followed by a reception at the English Methodist Church, Wanchai, on Saturday.



Brother Rat and a Baby

PRISCILLA LANE, JANE MORRIS, BRYAN ALBERT, JANE WYMAN, ROBERT REAGAN, and PETER B. GOOD (Dancer)

NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S



SOVIET LEADER—Rarely photographed Semyon K. Timoshenko, left, Soviet Commissar of Defence, is greeted by his brother Efim, during a visit to Furmanovka, where both were born.

FIRST AID MAN SENT TO PRISON

A STRETCHER bearer was sent to prison for seven days at West London recently for failing to continue in his employment contrary to the Civil Defence (Employment) Order. The man was William Walker, of Loxhammews, Kensington.

Mr. Parry Evans, deputy town clerk of Kensington, prosecuting, said that so many people who had been trained left A.R.P. works when the labour market improved about May that the employment order had to be made.

Singapore Defence

Eight Millions Budget

Provision of nearly \$8,000,000 is made by the Straits Settlements Government for military expenditure in 1941 in a Bill to be introduced into the Legislative Council shortly.

Designed to make provision for the public services next year, the Bill will incorporate expenditure on 54 items totalling nearly \$81,000,000. Military expenditure is being divided as follows: defence contribution provided by law, \$4,000,000; defence contribution, special, \$2,000,000; local forces \$1,001,208; emergency measures, \$108,000.

The measure recently taken for the defence of Singapore have inevitably caused loss and inconvenience to owners of private property, particularly along the sea front, states an official communique.

Under the Defence Regulations such owners may, in some cases, be eligible for the payment of compensation.

"It is, therefore, very gratifying to the authorities to receive letters from claimants signifying their intention to waive their claims as a material contribution to the Empire's war effort," the communique states.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FUND FOR BOMBERS

A total of \$1,480,974.35 and 23 (Australian currency) was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the B. C. M. Post Ltd. with the following donations:

Three of the Chinese Staff of W. & G. (November) \$12
Tatsoo Dockyard, "Spare Gear and Scrap" (nth. donation) 18.85
P. S. S. Chicken Feed (weekly donation) 36.00
Chiao Club (sale of old tin, etc.) 5
Cheero Club ("The Odds and Ends" Naval Concert Party) 15
Harbour Office Nickels and Dimes (weekly donation) 14.50
Well Water 63.00

Sudden Death Of Mrs. F. J. Gellion

Macao, Dec. 8. Mrs. F. J. Gellion died suddenly last night following a brief illness. She was one of the Colony's most popular and respected figures.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Gellion was the wife of Mr. F. J. Gellion, who is British Vice-Consul in Macao and Manager of the Macao Electric Light Company. She was a frequent visitor to this Colony, and has many friends here. Mrs. Gellion was about 40 years of age. Formerly Miss Marie Telles de Menezes, she was born in Portugal and went to Macao at an early age. She leaves a sister, Mrs. H. Nolasco da Silva, of Macao.

Captain A. C. Collinson, R.N., Commodore in charge of Naval Establishments, Hongkong is to be an additional official member of the Executive Council with effect from November 27.

Message For Colony From Beaverbrook

A cable from Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, to the South China Morning Post, received on Saturday night, states:

"Constant in their generous support of the Empire's cause, the subscribers to your fund add, by their latest contributions towards the purchase of aircraft, to the debt of gratitude that we already owe them."

"In the battles that rage over Britain's cities and countryside, they are rendering vital help, and in the victory that will be ours, they will have played a notable and honoured part. We send them once again our warmest thanks."

Lord Beaverbrook has previously cabled appreciation of the aid being given by subscribers to the War Fund.

The China Clipper has been delayed by mechanical trouble on Wake Island and is not expected to reach Hongkong until tomorrow.

The Clipper will leave again on December 11.

Airmen For China From Far East Flying School

About 50 members of the Far East Flying Training School met at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday for the purpose of inaugurating a Students' Union and saying good-bye to seven graduates who are leaving shortly to serve China in the field of aviation.

Mr. Leong Hoi, President of the Union, was in the chair and the guests of honour were Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Superintendent of the Kai Tak Air Port and Mr. W. W. McCoombe, the School's Chief Engineer and Instructor.

Mr. Leong outlined the objects of the Union, which included the physical, intellectual, social and moral welfare and advancement of members; the development of a spirit of loyalty for the Alma Mater; co-operation among members in securing these objects; and the furtherance of aeronautical knowledge.

"We are also gathered here to say farewell to recent graduates who will be leaving us soon to serve China," he said. "They are Messrs. Lo Tun-seong, Ko Chung-hon, Chan Chok-wai, Wong Yan-hing, Chan Chin-hwa, Kahn Man-cheung and Young Yew-kwee."

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8 lbs. Tea .. \$10.00	Butter .. \$10.40	Postage .. 4.40	4 lbs. Granulated Sugar .. .50
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Postage .. 4.40			
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7 lb. Postal Limit.	5 x 12 oz. Tins	6 lbs. Granulated Sugar .. \$.84	3 x 12 oz. Tins Butter .. \$ 3.90
5 lbs. Tea .. \$10.00	Butter .. \$ 6.50	Postage .. 3.15	2 lbs. Granulated Sugar .. .28
Duty .. 3.00	Postage .. 3.15	Packing Charges 1.00	Postage .. 3.15
Customs Charges .75	Packing Charges 2.00		Packing Charges 2.50
Postage .. 3.15			
Packing Charges 3.00			
Total Cost \$10.00	Total Cost \$11.65	Total Cost \$ 4.99	Total Cost \$ 9.83
T.4.	B.4.	S.4.	B.S.4.
3 lb. Postal Limit	2 x 12 oz. Tins	2½ lbs. Granulated Sugar .. \$.35	1 x 12 oz. Tin Butter .. \$ 1.30
2 lbs. Tea .. \$ 4.00	Butter .. \$ 2.00	Postage .. 1.75	1½ lbs. Granulated Sugar .. .21
Duty .. 1.20	Postage .. 1.75	Packing Charges 1.00	Postage .. 1.75
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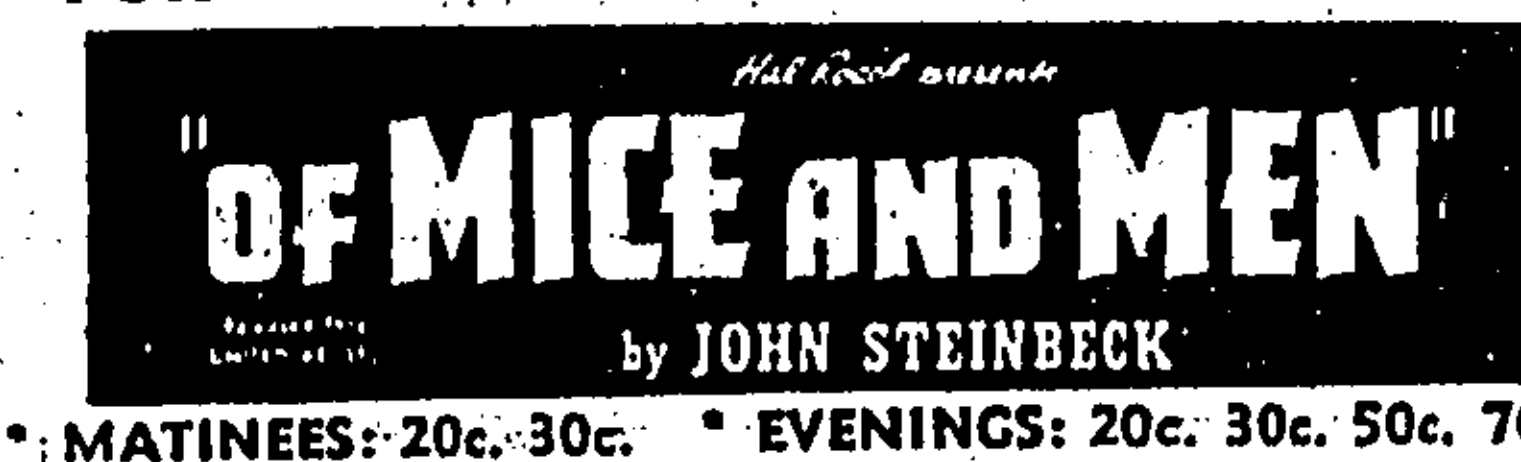
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NAZI LUFTWAFFE IS SOBERED

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gas works, railway yards and the inland port.
Roofs caved in under the weight of bombs, and explosions tore the walls of several steel works wide open. One experienced crew said that "the largest fire I have ever seen" was caused.

One of Wednesday's targets was an armaments factory.

One Plane Downed
LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—One enemy fighter was shot down in the Channel early on Sunday afternoon. This was announced in a chief Air Ministry communique which adds "otherwise there is nothing to report."

The skies over Britain have been remarkably clear of enemy aircraft since Friday night's attack on Bristol—and the R.A.F.'s hammering the same night of Luftwaffe's bases in occupied territory.

Further details of the R.A.F.'s raid on the French Atlantic ports of Brest and Lorient on Saturday night when the Luftwaffe was "grounded" for the first time since the opening of the "Blitz," were issued on Sunday night.

Brest underwent its most severe battering so far. At the outset, fires started around the naval school. There followed a vast explosion at the power station, one observer describing the scene as like a huge blacksmith's forge from which rose showers of what looked like hot metal mingled with the debris of shattered buildings.

Incendiaries and high explosives fell on infantry and naval barracks and buildings in between.

Usual Nazi Claims

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (UP).—The "Völkischer Beobachter" today carries a headline "November Balance," referring to the bombings of England and Germany.

"It is quite clear that 6,750,000 kilograms of explosive bombs were dropped on England during November, while 33,000 kilograms of British bombs were dropped on Reich territory," declared the paper.

A sub-heading declares: "London alone has been bombed with 3,870,000 kilograms of explosives."

Nazi Treaty With Iran

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 8 (UP).—A trade agreement between Germany and Iran was signed on Friday providing for "the finding of quotas for the exchange of goods between Germany and Iran during the next treaty year."

The official communique did not give the details of the pact which was signed by Hamid Sayah, Director General of the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

De Gaulle Urges Blow From Syria

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co-operation with Germany," he concluded.

More Warships
LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—More warships will shortly be put into commission for the Free French Navy. These and a number of destroyers, torpedo-boats, submarines, minelayers, minesweepers and patrol boats will be inspected by General de Gaulle in naval bases in England.

De Gaulle visited the training ship used as a naval academy of the Free French fleet where future officers are trained.

He congratulated Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Navy, on the work already done and the good spirits shown by officers and crews.

CHARGES PROVE TO BE FALSE

American Woman Freed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HONOLULU, Dec. 8 (UP).—Missionaries from Kobe aboard the Asama Maru which arrived here today said that they understood Miss Edna Lawrence, the American woman who was arrested by Japanese authorities at Yokohama recently, is now at Kobe awaiting a chance to depart.

They said that Miss Lawrence was arrested on charges of Communism, but that the allegations were subsequently proved false.

CHANNEL GUNS OPEN UP

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
DOVER, Dec. 8 (UP).—German long-range guns near Calais fired two salvoes on the Dover area early this evening, breaching a three day silence. Brief but intense bombardments were made at noon, which rocked the coast for miles.

One plane was heard flying at high altitude, apparently spotting the shots.

Joe Louis To Meet Godoy Again In April

Detroit, Dec. 7.
Mike Jacobs, the boxing promoter, announced today that he has matched Arturo Godoy, the Chilean, against Joe Louis for a World Heavyweight championship bout at Los Angeles in April. The fight will conclude the champion's winter programme.

Godoy has previously lost twice to Louis, once by a knock-out and twice by a decision.

Softball

RECORD WIN FOR CARDINALS

WEEK-END SOFTBALL provided its usual excitement and entertainment. Two overwhelming victories were recorded in the girls' League. Wildcats humbled Chung Hwa 29-3, but it was for the Cardinals to register the record, trouncing Las Florinas 42-0!

The Chinese Baseball Club chalked up a one-run win over the Hongkong Baseball Club, the score being 8-7, while in the Second Division, another close encounter was that between Central British Association and the Royal Artillery, the latter nosing out the C.B.A. by 7-6.

Complete scores were:

Girls
Wildcats 29, Chung Hwa 3.
Cardinals 42, Las Florinas 0.
Canuckettes 11, Panthers 3.
Boys
First Division
St. Joseph's 5, Canucks 2.
H.K. Baseball Club 7, Ch. B.C. 8.
Second Division
Royal Engineers 2, V.H.C. 18.
Central British 6, R.A. 7.
Inter-Hong
Lucas 8, Greensports 3.
Texaco 4, Shell 20.

Germany Hedging

PEIPING, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—It has been suggested in diplomatic circles that the delay on the part of Germany in recognising the Wang Chingwei government is due to Germany's desire to use the recognition as a bargaining counter to force Japan to take action against Britain in the Far East.

Evoleme Wins Yacht Race

The first Corinthian cruise race sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club over 24 miles yesterday resulted:
Evoleme 3.59.28, 2.50.34 R. J. Minniti 1
Sal Long 4.09.03, 2.58.10 A. M. Mack 2
Donna 3.22.17, 3.08.10 A. O. G. Mills 3
Morena 3.09.00, 3.09.00 P. C. M.
Galavant 3.43.44, 3.22.13 C. H. Charler 4
Typhoon 3.32.20, 3.51.13 W. Campbell 5
Did not finish—Red Rover, Treemur, Curlew, Tyrone, Yehonala, Tern, Isis.

Jap. Tennis Players Going To Germany

Tokyo, Dec. 8.
The Japanese Tennis Association has accepted the invitation of German sports authorities, and will dispatch a number of leading Japanese tennis players to Germany, in July or August of next year. Mr. Katsuta, President of the Association, announced on Saturday.—Domei.

German Invitation To U.S. Boxers

Denver, Dec. 7.
The Amateur Athletic Union announced it had received letters from Doctor Metzner, Director of German physical education, inviting the United States to send a boxing team to Berlin in 1942.
The Amateur Athletic Union, however, took no action.—United Press.

LATE NEWS

CELEBRATE VICTORY

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marching through the streets arm in arm, were greeted everywhere by enthusiastic cheers from the crowd. General Metaxas has sent a message of congratulation to the Greek High Command.

Battle For El Bassan
LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—While Athens is rejoicing over the "second Koriza," the Greek army is keeping up pressure on all fronts.

Reports reaching here from the Yugo-Slav-Albanian frontier state that the battle for El Bassan was resumed early on Sunday morning with undiminished violence.

A gale and snowstorm are sweeping the mountain ranges where fighting is taking place.

The Greeks advanced north of Pogradetz and are beyond Undiste, progressing in the direction of the line on the shores of Lake Ochrid.

Their aim is to reach the road which passes through the Skutumba valley and leads to El Bassan.

Great difficulty is being experienced in feeding the guns on the mountain peaks as, at many points, the bases are deep in snow.

Italian deserters who crossed into Yugo-Slavian speak of the drooping spirits of the Italian troops in contrast to the buoyancy of the Greeks.

Soviet Appraisal
MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Italy's difficulties in the war with Greece are the subject of long articles in the Moscow newspapers.

One newspaper says that there is no doubt that the Greeks have gained considerable successes and adds that the Italian aims in Greece demand a great number of men and a great deal of material.

The "Red Star," official army organ, declares that the Italians encounter great difficulties in the transfer of troops to Albania, and adds that the British Navy has been unable to establish control of the Adriatic owing to submarines, although it now dominates the Aegean Sea, thereby isolating the Dodecanese Islands.

GENERALS DIE IN AIR CRASH

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on the part of the Italian fleet or at least the promise of it by Mussolini to his ally Hitler.

No doubt Cavagnari is being used as a scapegoat for the Taranto episode and others who resigned were used for the Italian failure in Greece. Cavagnari is a good Fascist and a good administrator rather than a good sailor. It is reported that he thought almost as much of the education of his sailors in the Fascist doctrine as their education in seamanship.

New Chief's Message
"To victory" was the keynote of the order of the day in a separate message to Mussolini of the new Chief of General Staff, General Cavallero, who assumed the command on Sunday.

He promised that all efforts would be devoted to the realisation of this supreme object.

It—Duce himself—has sent, it is announced from Rome, "a cordial signed letter" to Admiral Cavagnari in which he expressed his appreciation of the Admiral's collaboration and his seven years' work in the development of Italian naval power.

Highest Goal
LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—On taking over his post as Chief of the General Staff of the Italian Army on Sunday, General Cavallero issued an order to the General Staffs of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the Militia to the effect that "We all wish to devote our energies to attaining the highest goal: victory."

Cavallero sends his "warmest regards" to the General Staff of the Army.

ASSASSINATION IN PEIPING

Many People Arrested

PEIPING, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Japanese have arrested a large number of persons during the past week in a house to house search for the murderer of a Japanese colonel last Friday. Arrests include some policemen who were stated to have been actually present at the time of the murder, according to Chinese reports. Questioned why they had not attempted to capture the assassin, the Police replied that they were unarmed and could not do anything, whereupon they were severely beaten. Some are reported to have died from their injuries.

Other Chinese quarters ascribe the unrelaxed restrictions on leaving the city to the continued house searching for the Chinese soldiers who murdered last week, it being believed that some have taken refuge within the city.

Carnarvon Castle Crew Cheered

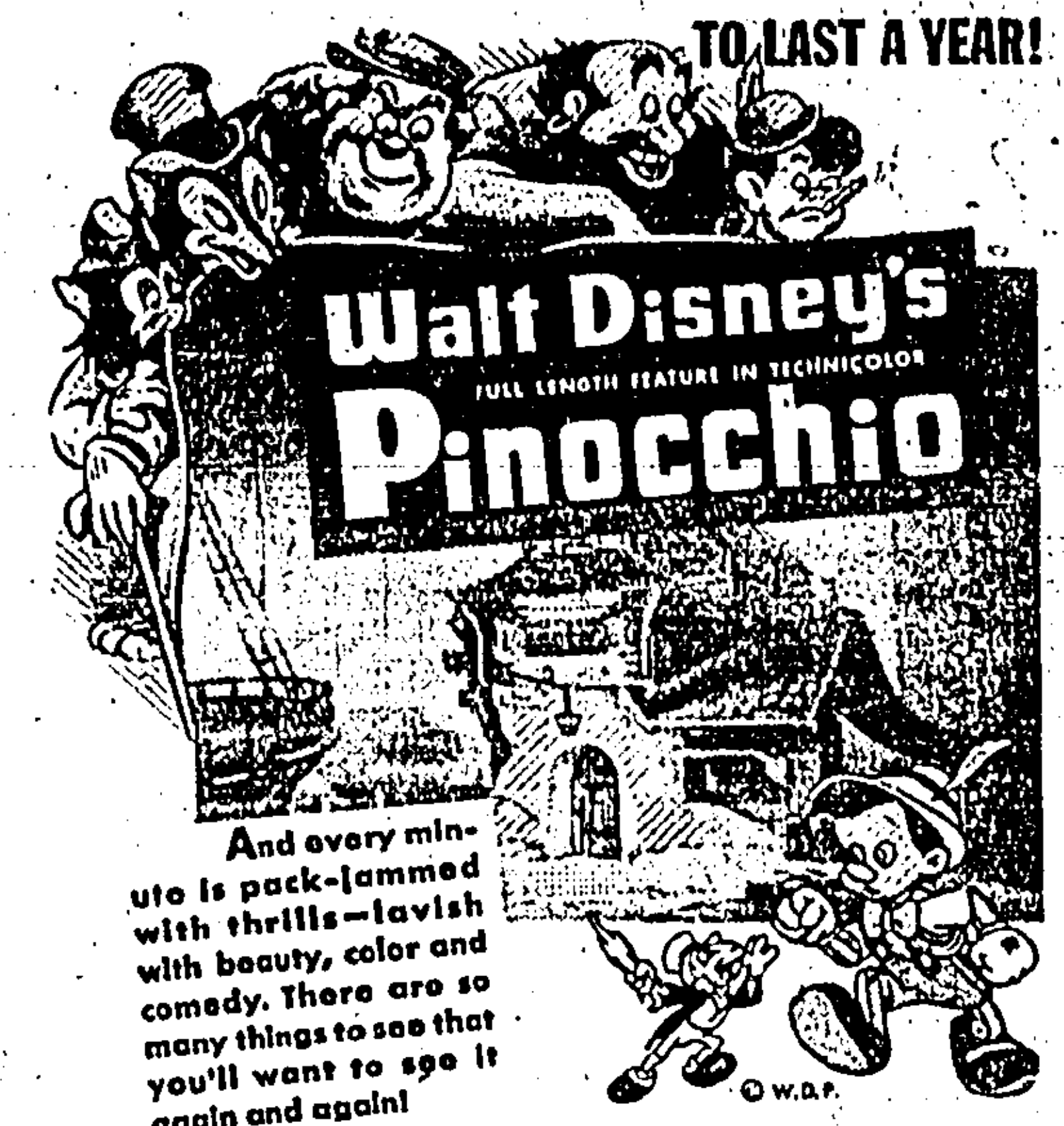
MONTE VIDEO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Reports show that ambulances sent to remove the wounded from the Carnarvon Castle were unnecessary as the men were only slightly injured, and were remaining on board. Captain Hardy stated that he had buried the dead at sea. It is understood that he had requested permission to remain 48 hours in accordance with International Law to carry out repairs, but Wriggway naval circles are believed to have recommended permission for 72 hours.

Members of the crew were wildly cheered when they went ashore.

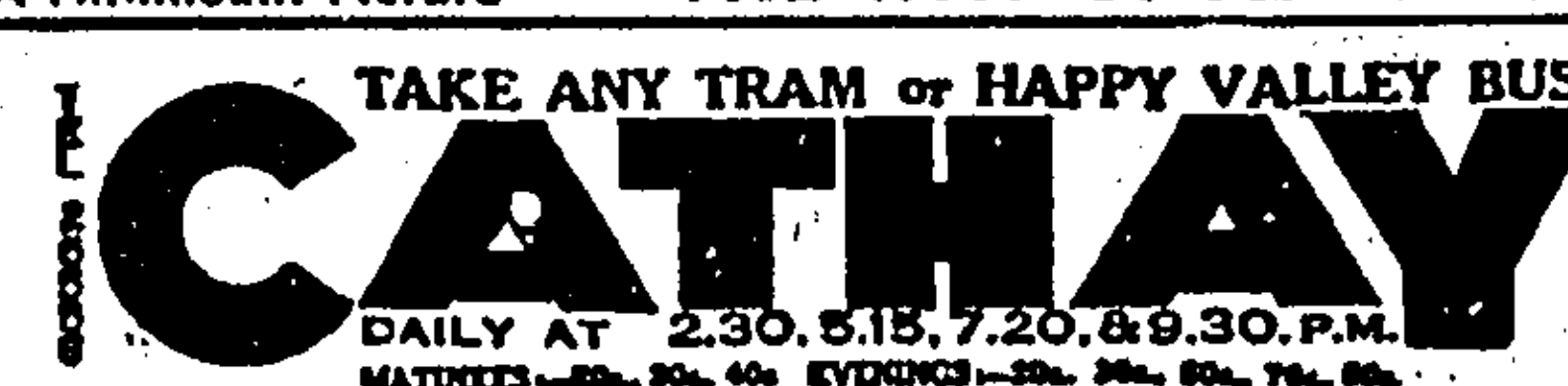
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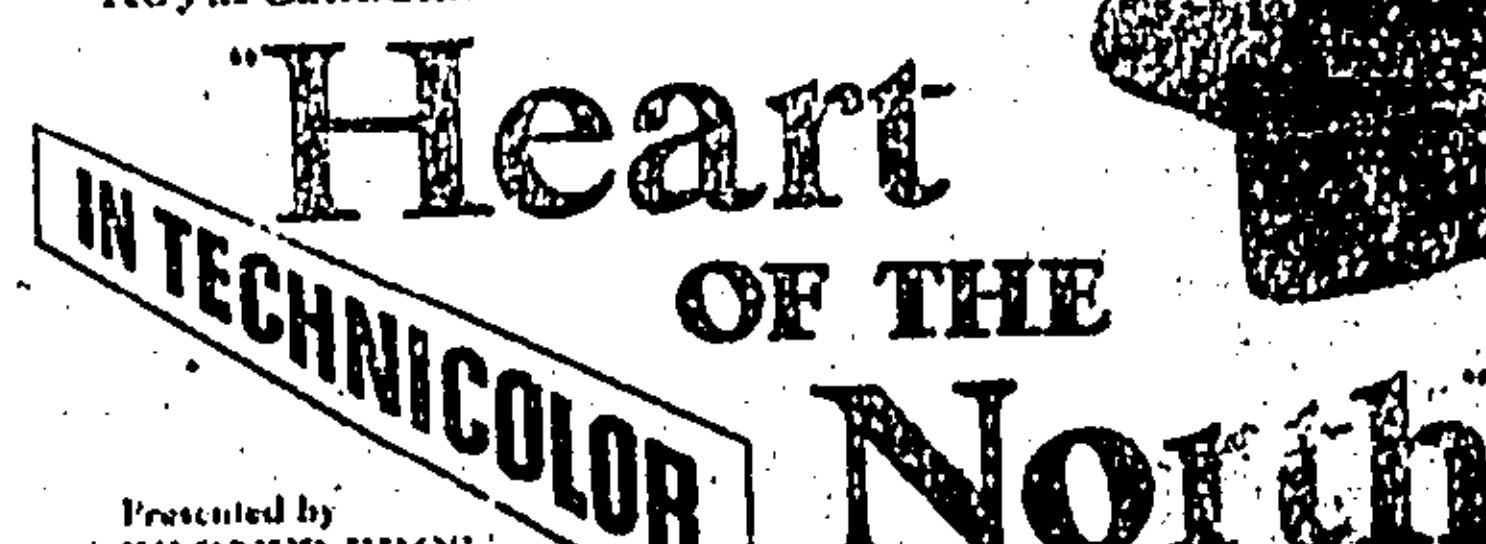
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